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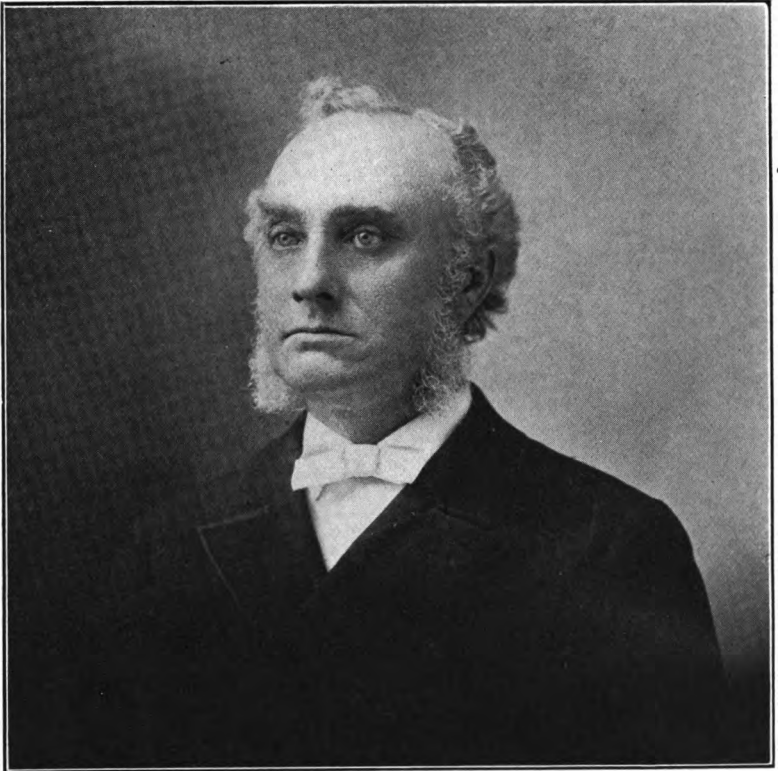
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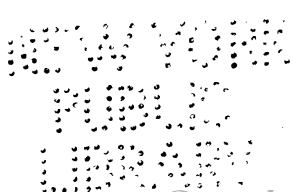


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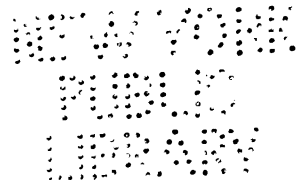
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## PREFACE.

The author gives this work to the public for what it is worth. It could not but be incomplete, for all written history is incomplete. There are inaccuracies and imperfections in it, of course, but we have done as well as we could. Leading a busy life, in this busy and exacting age, we have been greatly hampered amid all our varied pulpit, pastoral and other duties, both in gathering our data as well as in afterwards arranging them.

The idea of the book herewith presented originated in connection with our preparation for the Historical address, delivered Oct. 29, 1901, on the occasion of the celebration of the Preakness Reformed Church Centennial Anniversary, and which address was published in full in the *Paterson Call*, November 2, following. Occasions like these in these days are common, and we believe they cannot be made too much of, notwithstanding the extra work and expense they entail; for they bring up the past, establish the present, and in a way, open the future. It would be well, likewise, if, as a rule along with these celebrations, some more permanent record were made of facts, frequently most important, then brought to the public attention, but which otherwise inevitably soon pass beyond the ordinary human recollection.

More time, labor and patience have been required in the compilation of this volume than at the beginning we supposed would be necessary; but it is at last, with great relief to us, in the shape you have it. Anyhow, it is something which will give much light on the early and later conditions prevailing in this locality and neighborhood. Few churches or congregations have any memorial of the kind, works surely which, when furnished, should be somewhat appreciated, as we trust this will be more or less.

We have in a cursory way gone over as we were able all the early history, both secular and religious, of Preakness and vicinity, and gradually led up to the building of the church here, and the organization of the congregation. Then we traced the progress and growth of the community, and of the ecclesiastical body as well, bringing in the Lord's laborers in the ministry with the manifold conditions by which, from time to time, they were surrounded; while later we have taken up the several pastorates, and brought the history down to date.

The "Genealogical Notes," which are a prominent feature of the book, were mainly an after-thought. These are not genealogies, but simply "notes" as they profess to be. One name or family traced at first only a little way led to another and another, and, as we became interested, the "Notes" were expanded, and in some cases carried farther back. The older families, but not all of them, have received more notice than the later ones; and those we took up later are in some instances more fully treated than those we gave attention to at first. We have not taken up any family a second time to any extent, considering when our first work was done that that should suffice. Necessarily there has had to be a great deal of curtailment, and a leaving out of many names altogether, particularly of

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later generations. Nevertheless, much information concerning nearly all these can be supplemented from the Church Records given in the appendix.

However, we could ourselves have done comparatively little with our genealogical work, nor *would* we have done it, had we not had the very efficient help of Mr. John Neafie, of New York, who is a born genealogist. We have been *days* with Mr. Neafie, besides being in correspondence with him for years. The Hon. William Nelson, of Paterson, also both personally and through his printed works, has greatly helped us, not only in the genealogical, but in other departments of our production. Likewise the Rev. E. T. Corwin, D. D., of New Brunswick, especially through "The Corwin Genealogy," and his "Manual of the Reformed Church" (third edition; the fourth was not out until our work was about finished); the Rev. T. W. Welles, D. D., of Paterson, principally through "The Pastor and the Church;" the Rev. J. F. Folsom, of Kearny, N. J., through newspaper articles; Mr. William Roome, of Butler, in different ways, as well as in his "Early Days and Early Surveys;" Mr. Samuel R. Demarest, of Hackensack; and many others have been of great service to us. And, yet, with all our help and pains, we could get little, if any, information in some directions. Naturally, we have culled from various original sources; most of these, together with the printed authorities referred to, having been indicated in the progress of our writing.

In the body of the history we have been as particular in the giving of facts as we thought proper—perhaps in places a little too much so, while in other places it may be we have not been particular enough. But as we have said, we have done as well as we could, or as our judgment prompted.

In the Appendix of this work will be found much information that is better in printed form than if left confined solely between the covers of old dusty and more or less worn church books, or on marble slabs and other monuments, which are liable to suffer, not only from the ravages of time, but from all sorts of accidents. Because of these conditions, already in our researches and endeavors, we have been much hindered and baffled, and how much more will this be the case with others in the future, unless such information is put in more permanent form?

The cut of the church, the same as we had on the Centennial programme, was made from a picture taken by Rev. J. F. Folsom, of Kearny, and the cuts of the Dey and Van Saen houses, the parsonage and the interior of the church, from pictures taken by S. R. Merrill Bensen, son of C. D. Bensen, of Preakness.

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## CHAPTER I.

### EARLY DAYS.

Preakness, first and last variously spelled, is an Indian name. According to a tradition in the Berdan family, (James D. Berdan being our authority), the original Indian spelling was *Pra-qua-less*, and meant "quail woods." The forests of this section, as a fact, it is said, were full of quail and partridge in early times. Mr. William Nelson, of Paterson, however, claims that the original spelling of Preakness was *Per-ukunces*, and meant "a young buck," a name applied to Second Mountain and the valley west of it, and that, in accordance with this designation, the Dutch, early in the eighteenth century, called Second Mountain, near Little Falls, the Harteberg, or Deer Mountain.

Probably both these spellings are or were correct, referring to different periods. By a slow and gradual process of transformation, in the years that have gone, we have the present spelling, Preakness. General Washington, in his letters while at the Dey house known then as "Bloomsbury," or "Bloomsburg,"\* in Lower Preakness, spelled the name *Preckiness*. A few other spellings have been: *Praquaness, Preaquaness, Perekenos, Perekenes, Perikenes, Perikeness, Prikenis, Parikenis, Parikenes, Parekenis, Parakenis, Pracaness, Precaness, Priekenis, Prekniss, Preackness, Prakeness, Preckeniss*.

The district of country designated by these spellings was originally obtained by letters patent from the Crown of Great Britain. After the surrender of New Netherlands by the Dutch, to the British Crown, in 1664, James, Duke of York, afterwards James II, on March 2nd, of that same year, secured from his brother, King Charles II, of England, a charter, which, with other parts, included all the territory between the Connecticut and Delaware rivers. James, a little over two months later, June 24, by indenture of lease and re-lease, granted, bargained, and sold unto John, Lord Berkley, and Sir George Cartaret, all of what has since been known as the State of New Jersey; and this, as had been the case with James, carried with it powers of government, as well as possession of the territory. Berkley, after a while becoming dissatisfied with

\* See under "Tomlinson Collection."

the pecuniary prospects of his venture, March 18, 1673, sold his interest in the country to John Fenwick, in trust for Edward Byllinge, which interest was designated as the Western half of the Province, Cartaret retaining the Eastern half. On July 30, of that year, the Dutch, through war, having regained the Jerseys, the country was restored to England again by treaty the following year, February 9, 1674. But, as this temporary change of rulers now gave rise to doubts in regard to the validity of the title of the Duke of York, the Duke, June 29, 1674, obtained of the King, his brother, a second charter, confirming the former grant. James, immediately after he received his renewed title, July 29, 1674, executed a grant to Sir George Cartaret individually for East Jersey alone, he being owner of that territory before the late war with Holland. Later, however, it having been discovered that this individual grant to Cartaret gave him more than belonged to him, or more than his share of the territory, he soon relinquished his title to the Duke, that there might be a more equitable division between him and the assigns of Lord Berkley. Then, on the first day of July, 1676, a new deed to Cartaret, "for a more equitable division," was executed, permanently, for those days at least, dividing the Jerseys into East Jersey and West Jersey. Sir George Cartaret, after this sole Proprietor of East Jersey, who died January 13, 1680, in his eightieth year, by will, dated December 5, 1678, ordered the Province to be sold to pay his debts; which was done in 1681-2, to the celebrated Twelve Proprietors, all Quakers, one of whom was Thomas Hart; the consideration of the sale being less than \$17,000 (£3,400). These Twelve, later on, each at different times, took a partner, when the Proprietors numbered Twenty-four. Some difficulty still arising about rights and titles, under date of March 14, 1682, the Duke of York gave these latter a fresh grant of the Province, in confirmation of their claims. Subsequently, in order to be left in undisturbed possession of their title in the soil, the Proprietors surrendered to the Crown their *right of government*, which arrangement was perfected and accepted by Queen Ann, April 17, 1702, she having succeeded William, who, after the revolution under James, occupied the English throne.

In the latter part of the seventeenth century, most of the inhabitants of this region of country were Indians, and particularly of the powerful tribe of the Minisi, who occupied nearly all of Northern Jersey, their chief settlement being on the flats along the Delaware above the Water Gap, from which their name had its

rise. It is indeed believed, and was in Indian times believed, that these flats, in very early days, before the river broke through the mountain, had been a deep lake, and this circumstance led to the name *Meenesink*, or *Minisink*, which means "the water is gone." (Barber). Until 1655, the attitude of these Indians toward the whites had been uncertain; but a short and bloody war occurring about then, the supremacy of the whites was established, and a different order of things prevailed. (Nelson). Yet there were no permanent settlements of whites in what is now Passaic County, until the close of that century. Acquackanonk was first settled in 1678 and thereafter, by the Dutch; and then came the settlement at or in the vicinity of Pompton. This latter settlement was made by Major Anthony Brockholst and Captain Arent Schuyler and their associates, Samuel Byard, George Ryerson, John Mead, Samuel Berrie, and David and Hendrick Mandeville,—mostly, though not all of them, Hollanders, or of Holland descent. Schuyler, Ryerson, and Mead were pure Dutch. The first Mandeville and Byard, or Bayard, also came from Holland, but were originally French Huguenot, emigrating from France to Holland, at the time of the St. Bartholemew's massacre. The Berrys were probably of English extraction. Brockholst came from Lancashire, England, and was a Roman Catholic. (Neafie).

The persons here specified agreed among themselves to purchase of the Twenty-four Proprietors of East Jersey 5,500 acres, east of the Pompton or Pequannock River, and which comprised what is at present the greater part of Wayne Township, named after General Anthony Wayne, "Mad Anthony," as he was sometimes called because of his recklessness in riding and in battle, and who was very active in these parts during the Revolutionary War. In order, however, to perfect their title to this land, afterwards known as the Pompton, Upper Pacquanac, and Lower Pacquanac Patents, when it should be vested in them, since the Indians, already referred to, also laid claim to the territory desired, Captain \*Arent Schuyler, acting for his associates, June 16, 1695, for merchandise, wampum, etc., to the value of £250, first purchased of them their right in the tract; and, as they would not sell that alone, more with it, on the other side of the Pompton, which extra territory, included a large portion of Pequannock Township, in Morris

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\* "Not Aaron, as some have translated it in English, but Arnold." *Colonial New York. Philip Schuyler and his Family.*

County,—in other words, much of the lowlands in the upper part of Pompton Plains.

The text of the Indian deed, with explanations, as given by Rev. G. C. Schanck, in the Schanck Manuscript, to be found in the rooms of the New Jersey Historical Society, at Newark, is as follows:

“Beginning at the mouth of a small creek, in the Indian language called Sinkaak, which said small creek is a branch that falls into Pequannoc Creek, (‘meaning no doubt at that time the Passaic River, as the Singac Brook, still retaining its name, falls into the Passaic River, at a short distance below the mouth of the Pequannock, or Pompton, as now called’), and lies opposite the great hill, called by the Indians *Meelonagkas*, extending from said mouth of Sinkaak Creek northward along the said small creek as far until it meets the Indian path that goes towards Pompton, called the Minisink Path,\* and so along said Path toward Pompton Creek, (‘evidently what is now called the Pompton River’) and then running again northward, along the east side of said creek, taking in a stroke of land on said east side, till it meets with the falls,” (at the Steel Works), “in the Indian language called *Awarigh*, and from said falls westward, comprehending all the low land, then to the hill, called by the Indians, *Hackaeckonck*, and then southward along the foot of the hills to the great hill called by the Indians, *Simpeck*, (‘probably the highest mountain on the western border of the Plains, now called Mine Mountain’), and from said hill *Simpeck*, eastward to Pequannock Creek, and then all along down said creek, till it comes to the first station, called the mouth of the Sinkaak Creek before mentioned, as may more fully appear by a map or card made by the description of the said natives annexed to the said deed.” Here follow quite a number of Indian signatures.

This tract included, as we have said, the Pompton, the Upper Pacquanac, and the Lower Pacquanac Patents, east of the Pompton, (or Pequannock River, as it has been called), in Wayne Township, except 240 acres belonging to the Lower Pacquanac Patent lying east of the Singac below the Two Bridges,—in other words, all the territory east of the river south of Pompton, and north of the

\* “This path was probably where the Newark and Pompton Turnpike now is; and also ran from Totowa to Singac about where the present road runs.”—Nelson. That is, via Laurel Grove, south along the base of Second Mountain, to Bunn’s Corner, and thence to Mountain View and Wayne to the Pompton River.

Passaic, (in one place spelled \*Pasawack), to a line along the hills east, or that range in the middle of Wayne Township designated as the Third Range, which divides Pacquanac from Preakness, and taking in all the land along the river around the southern end of said range, (or rather spur), which belongs to the Watchung System, to the mouth of the Singac, together with a considerable portion of Pequannock Township, in Morris County, or the lowlands in the upper part of Pompton Plains, where, under this same Indian deed, the same parties, by another transaction, somewhat later, purchased 1,500 acres more of the Proprietors.

*Wachung* is derived from the Indian *Wachtschu*, or *Wadchu*, meaning "hill" or "mountain." In the Minisink dialect *wachunk* signifies "high." (Nelson). Wesel or Garret Mountain is the First Mountain in this system. Second Mountain is that west of it, between Preakness and Paterson,—the range to which High Mountain belongs. (Geological Survey of New Jersey. Vol. iv, 1895, p. 35.)

The 240-acre tract, already referred to, on the east side of the Sinkaak, as part of the Lower Pacquanac Patent, was not covered by the Indian deed here given. It may be, however, that an earlier, or a later, deed covered it. (William Roome.)

The Patent from the Proprietors for 5,500 acres to Brockholst, Schuyler, and their associates, was dated November 11, 1695, about five months after the purchase from the Indians. This Patent, as we have observed, was soon divided into three others, viz: the Pompton, the Upper Pacquanack, and Lower Pacquanack Patents, and the country at once began to settle up rapidly; while Preakness was naturally benefited, and began to open up, or to be settled more or less at the same time, (or rather it may be about twenty years later, as we can find no earlier records), likewise by Hollanders, or the Dutch, some of whom were of Huguenot origin.

Captain Arent Schuyler and Major Anthony Brockholst themselves came, in 1697, or thereabouts, to live in the Township, the first upon property now (1900) occupied by William Colfax, son of the old doctor of the same name, and the second on the site of the residence occupied at present by the widow of the late Major W. W. Colfax. The old well on this property is the original one

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\* Heckwelder, according to Nelson, says the Indian *Pasawack* means "Valley." But Nelson himself claims that it means "where it divides," referring most likely to the separation from the Hackensack; although it *may* refer to the split or chasm in the rocks at the Falls—the Great Passaic Falls, in Paterson.



dug by Brockholst, and must therefore have been in constant use about 200 years. Brockholst, already for many years before coming to Pompton, had been a prominent officer of the Province of New York, being indeed Acting Governor from 1681 to 1683, and Mayor of New York City in 1687. Captain Schuyler was scarcely, if any, less prominent, being the fourth son of Philip Schuyler and Margarita Van Slichtenhorst, and was born in Beverwyck, (Albany), June 25, 1662. He was prepared in the schools of Albany for a business life. November 26, 1684, he married Jenneke Teller, and began housekeeping in his native city. He obtained his commission of Captain from the English in 1691-2, for courage and bravery in the Indian wars of the French and English in Canada. Captain Schuyler was always very successful in his intercourse and negotiations with the Indians, whether in peace or war. In February, 1694, he removed to New York. The way he happened to get into New Jersey was on account of his success in dealing with Indians. The Governors of New York and of New Jersey selected him to go on a special mission to the Minisinks; and while on this mission, he passed through, and was no doubt attracted by the advantages of, the country around Pompton, which caused him again to change his residence. Captain Schuyler's first wife died in 1700; and in 1703, he married Swantie Dyckhuysen. He lived in Pompton until 1710, when he went to New Barbadoes Neck, on the east side of the Passaic River, a little above Newark. On his property there, a copper mine, which made him very wealthy for those days, was discovered by one of his negro slaves. After the death of his second wife, Captain Schuyler married again, taking for his third wife Maria Walter, probably in 1724. He himself died in November, 1730, leaving a large estate to the various members of his family. During Captain Schuyler's lifetime he gave £450, as a fund for the pastor's salary, to the Reformed Church of Belleville, of which he was an officer. After his death, the members of his family added £400 more to the fund. Captain Arent Schuyler was *not* the ancestor of all the New Jersey Schuylers, as has been claimed. (Colonial New York. By George W. Schuyler, 1885.) This man left eight children. Mrs. William S. Williams, (Elizabeth Schuyler Williams), late of Pompton Lakes, who died October 13, 1900, in her seventy-eighth year, was his great, great granddaughter.

The Brockholst name is now extinct. Brockholst Mill stood somewhere at the foot of the present Steel Works dam.

Through the Schuylers, the Colfax family became connected with the early history of Wayne Township. The Colfaxes were originally from Connecticut, and were first represented in the county by General William Colfax, Commander of the Washington Life Guards, during the American Revolution. While at the house of Casparus Schuyler, a descendant of Captain Arent Schuyler, in company with the General-in-Chief and his staff, General William Colfax met the only daughter of his host, Hester, whom he married in 1783, after which he made the county (Bergen County then) his residence. His sons were Schuyler, father of Schuyler Colfax, the Vice-President of the United States, Dr. William, and George W. The last two were residents of the Township. "Major William W. Colfax, son of George W., was for many years a prominent and useful citizen of Wayne Township, his death, which occurred in 1878, being the occasion of sincere mourning, not more as a consequence of his acknowledged ability, than because of his integrity, high sense of honor, and kindly nature." (Nelson, in Hist. Bergen and Passaic Counties.) In 1700, there were only five or six families of whites in Pompton, we do not know how many, if any, in Preakness, and about ten at the Ponds; while Totowa was not settled until about 1720, when the Van Houtens came there. "The first settler within the limits of the present (1896) city of Paterson, was probably Simeon Van Winkle, a son of the Acquackanonk patentee, who located on the river bank at the foot of Willis Street, at least as early as 1719." (Pastor and Church. By Welles, p. 60.) Besides the two families of Brockholst and Schuyler, at Pompton, just before the eighteenth century opened, were those of George Ryerson, Samuel Berrie, John Mead, and Hendrick Mandeville. At least, if these were not settled there then, they came a year or two after, and have all left descendants in the neighborhood.

Thomas Hart, Merchant, of Enfield, England, in the County of Middlesex, one of the Proprietors, was the first perhaps, who had any special or individual claim over the region known as Perekenos, or Perekenes. He owned several tracts of land in New York and East New Jersey. By will, dated December 19, 1704, he bequeathed two third parts of said lands to his sister, Patiente Ashfield, and one-third part to Mercy Benthall, wife of Walter Benthall, all of London. His sister, Patiente Ashfield, was made sole executrix of said will. She, however, in her will, dated June 26, 1708, made Joseph Heale, of Stanis, in the County of Middlesex, distiller, her executor, and empowered him to convey said lands and premises

inherited by her, who, with Mercy Benthall and Richard Ashfield, grandson and heir, of said Patiente Ashfield, for that purpose, "employed Rip Van Dam, of New York, and John Rodman, of Long Island, near New York, as their attorneys." Richard Ashfield himself afterwards came to East Jersey, and was appointed, September, 1725, Receiver General of the Board of Proprietors. (East Jersey under the Proprietors. Whitehead, p. 178.) Later, Priscilla and Mercy Benthall, daughters of the said Walter and Mercy Benthall, and their heirs, by their will, dated July 20, 1721, appointed Rip Van Dam, Sr., and Rip Van Dam, Jr., of New York, their attorneys, to dispose of their real estate and its appurtenances, which they had inherited. Through all these persons and their representatives, at different times, a number of conveyances were made in Preakness, in the early days of the eighteenth century.

We have seen that the 5,500 acres bought by Brockholst and Schuyler, and their associates, afterwards divided up into the Pompton, Upper Pacquanac, and Lower Pacquanac Patents, comprised the greater part of Wayne Township. This territory was all in the West and South. The Northern and Eastern portions of the Township, though not until after a number of settlements had been made, were afterwards covered by what was known as the Preakness Patent, which consisted of 4,481.81 acres, and was returned by the Board of Proprietors to the heirs or assigns of Richard Ashfield, October 1, 1753, (recorded in Perth Amboy, in Book S, 3, page 356), being intended to protect or confirm the earlier purchasers and settlers in the possession of their titles, whether their purchases were made of the Indians, or of the heirs of Thomas Hart. William Roome, of Butler, says, "this tract extended from what was formerly known as the Greaves place, now the Green Brook Farm, on the top of East Mountain, south along that mountain to within a mile of the Passaic River, and ran northwesterly from the Greaves place to within half a mile of the 'Clove,' at Franklin Lake; then westerly, taking in the Uriah Van Riper, and James D. Berdan, and other places, to probably the tops of the hills, nearly to the line of the Pompton Patent; then southerly, leaving a space of from a quarter to a half a mile wide between it, and the Pompton and two Pacquanac Patents, down to the top of the Harteberg Mountain, near the *\*old Totowa Schoolhouse.*" This took in almost all of what is known as Preakness Valley, or about all of

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\* This stood further down on the opposite side of the road toward Paterson, from where the present schoolhouse now stands.

Wayne Township, except the three Patents, already referred to, and the space of from a quarter to a half a mile wide between them and the said Patent.

A copy of this patent, in three parts, may be found among the transcribed papers in the Passaic County Clerk's office, in Paterson.

An abstract of the Indian deed to "Rip Van Dam, Attorney, legally to look after the rights of Thomas Hart," a deed which covered this and a somewhat larger territory, of which abstract we obtained a copy, through the kindness of William Roome, of Butler, from among his papers, (although we have been unable anywhere to find the deed itself, or a copy of it among the public records), is as follows:

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In pursuance of a former bargain, etc., made in year A. D. 1707. Situate in Bergen County, Nova Cessarea.

First tract:






"Beginning at the N end of a boggy meadow into which a small run of water emptieth by a Black Oak standing on the north westerly side of said run, marked on four sides (1) Eastward on South Side of a row of hills on a straight line marked all along until it comes to the top of the great mountain (2) Southward all along the top of the Great Mountains until it cometh by an old wagon road to a white oak marked (3) along said road on which the trees are marked on both sides of said road until it meets Singack Creek, and so up Northerly along said creek until it meets ye old Minissing path where two black oak trees are marked four sides, one on East and one on West Side said creek. (4) Along said path until it comes on ye West Side said Boggy Meadow (5) along said meadow to beginning."

Second Tract:

"Beginning at the falls of Pomton River where on or near to which stands a mill on West Side said River thence running on the top of the mountain Northward all along unto the end of said mountain and thence through a flat land on a straight line marked all along until it reaches foot of another mountain to a White Oak standing between the rocks thence on a straight line marked all along until it meets Poghkeek Creek, and so crossing said creek, continuing the said marked line straight along Westward till top of mountain, then southward down said mountain till it reaches

Pequanac river, and so down said river until it comes to the old  
Minssing path, and thence \* \* \* where it first began."

Signed the 3rd September, 1714.

PAPEJECOP		} <i>Their Marks.</i>
MASSATOUWOP		
MATHIBACK		
PAPEJDCOP		
IN BEHALF OF		
SAPON, MAMERISU,		
AND SEVERAL MORE INDIANS.		

Witnessed before Jared Jur Coromus, George Ryerson and  
Marcul Cald.

## CHAPTER II.

## SOME OLD PREAKNESS FAMILIES AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES.

From an old Historical Discourse, by Rev. William B. Van Benschoten, of Wyckoff, N. J., published in *The Bergen County Democrat*, March 5, and 12, 1869, we learn that two brothers of the Berdan family came from Hackensack, to Upper Preakness, some time between 1715 and 1720, and bought 400 acres of land there at eighteen cents per acre. One of these brothers was married, and the other not. The unmarried brother, having a wife in view, began to build a log house, but died before it was finished; when the married brother finished and occupied it; and he became the progenitor of all of the name in this section. If, therefore, Van Benschoten is correct in his statements, the Berdans may be the oldest Preakness family in existence.

However, we cannot yet by any means substantiate these declarations. There is probably no question but that the first Berdan, Jan, who spelled his name Baerdan, after the revocation of the edict of Nantes, in 1685, came to this country, in the latter part of the seventeenth century, as a Huguenot refugee from Holland, and that with his wife and only son, who was also named Jan, or John, he settled somewhere on the present site of Brooklyn. Baerdan's wife soon after this died, when he married again, and by his second wife had two daughters. Jan, Jr. did not get along very well with his stepmother, and in the course of a few years, quite early in life, left home. This second Jan, or Jan, Jr., the only son of the first Jan Baerdan, appears to have been the progenitor of all the American Berdans. He first married Eva Van Siclen May 20, 1693, at Flatbush, Long Island, by whom he had at least eleven, and perhaps twelve, children. The oldest of the children, a daughter, Marretie, who first married Joris or George Doremus, of Lower Preakness, was born at New Amersfoort, (Flatlands), Long Island; but all the rest of his children were born and baptized in New Jersey. Shortly after the birth of his first child, Jan moved to Hackensack, N. J. His third child, and second daughter, Eva, married Cornelius Kip, also afterwards of Lower Preakness, a partner of George Doremus (and now also his brother-in-law), in a

600-acre land purchase there. The second marriage of this Jan, the father of these children, about forty years after the first one, occurred November 6, 1733, when he married Vrouwtjen Van Dien, widow, at Hackensack. He owned several parcels of land about Hackensack, particularly in the region of what is now Maywood, certainly one also at Slotterdam, and 362 acres in Upper Preakness, on Singac Brook, which last parcel he bought of the heirs of Thomas Hart, November 18, 1720, and for which he paid £72 and 10s., or just fifty cents per acre. If Jan himself never lived on this land, in Preakness, surely one or more of his sons did. His fifth child and third son, Albert, born January 17, 1702, and baptized January 25, at Hackensack, who, September 29, 1727, married Divertje Banta, (bap. May 24, 1710), owned this land in his day, and lived on it; and he had a son Jacob, born March 28, 1746, as well as a son John, who both likewise owned the same land in their day, and apparently lived on it,—the latter selling some of it, his share, no doubt, to Edo Marselis, in 1769; while the former, that is, Jacob, held what belonged to him, and handed it down to his posterity. A part of the original 362-acre tract, at any rate, is still in possession of the family (1902), in the person of a great grandson of this Jacob, son of Albert, viz: James D., who is in the sixth generation from Jan, Jr., or the seventh from the first Baerdan in the country.

Jan Berdan, Jr., who married Eva Van Siclen, in 1693, was Justice of the Peace in Bergen County 1716, 1720, 1721, 1723-7, 1731, and probably later, as well as it may be, between all these dates; although, in regard to dates later than these, it may have been a son, or grandson, of the same name, who was Justice 1741, 1743, as well as Freeholder 1745-8.

We will give next what we have from the records concerning this Jan Berdan and his family:

First marriage at Flatbush, Kings Co., Long Island, May 20, 1693, Jan Berdan and Eva Van Siclen; second marriage at Hackensack, N. J., November 6, 1733, Jan Berdan, widower, and Vrouwtjen Van Dien, widow. (Maiden name, Verway.)

#### Children:

1. Marretie, b. 1694, at N. Amersfoort, (Flatlands), L. I.
2. Jan, bap. between August and October, 1695, at Hackensack.
3. Eva, bap. October, 1697, at Hackensack.

4. Ferdinandus, bap. January 28, 1700, at Hackensack.
5. Albert, bap. January 25, 1702, (b. Jan. 17), at Hackensack.
6. Willemtee, bap. June 5, 1704, at Hackensack.
7. Reynier, bap. May 2, 1706, at Hackensack.
8. Elena, bap. April 11, 1708, at Hackensack.
9. Annaetjen, supposed to have been born about 1710, (although Harvey, in Genealogical History of Hudson and Bergen Counties puts it in 1718).
10. Dirck, bap. February 3, 1712, at Hackensack.
11. David, bap. December 12, 1714, at Hackensack.

## Marriages:

1. Marretie, married twice. (See Doremus Genealogy. Nelson.)

(1) Joris Doremus, March 16, 1717.

(2) Jacob Tietsoort, December 6, 1733.

2. Jan, married May 11, 1738, Cristyntjen Van Giesen, who was baptized September 28, 1718.

3. Eva, married September 17, 1720, Cornelis Kip.

4. Ferdinandus. We do not know that Ferdinandus ever married. He was admitted to membership in the Hackensack Dutch Church September 16, 1729. John Berdan, Jr., and "Cernand," brothers of Marretie, are named as two of the four executors of Joris Doremus's will, dated March 25, 1733, and proved October 20, 1733.

5. Albert, married September 29, 1727, Divertje Banta, who was baptized May 24, 1710.

6. Willemtee, married March 30, 1723, Isaac Kip.

7. Reynier, married November 3, 1738, Antjen Romein.

8. Elena, married March 30, 1728, Jacob Kip.

9. Annetjen, married December 10, 1736, Abraham Leroe, who was baptized March 18, 1705.

10. Dirck, married June 9, 1738, Antje Van Winkle.

Dirck Berdan was admitted to membership in the Hackensack Church November 22, 1733.

11. David, married May 12, 1738, Christyntjen Romeyn.

Note.—The three Kips here mentioned were brothers.

Of the children of Albert Berdan's son Jacob, of Upper Preakness, who was born March 28, 1746, and who married Rebecca Ryerson, we mention only two.



1. Albert, (b. 1767, d. 1837), who married Mary Ackerman, (b. 1771.)

2. Polly, or Mary, who married Uriah Van Riper, the great grandfather of Mrs. Andrew P. Hopper, and Mrs. C. H. Post.

Albert Berdan, (b. 1767), who married Mary Ackerman, had children:

1. Jacob, (b. 1790, d. 1875,) who married Catharine Demarest, a daughter of the Rev. John Demarest, of Ponds. These were the parents of the present (1902) James D. Berdan.

2. Christina, b. 1793.

3. Rebecca, b. 1801, who married Garret Berdan, of Lower Preakness, a second cousin of her father's.

Jacob and Catharine (Demarest) Berdan's children, were Sarah, Maria, Rebecca (1), Caroline, Albert, Rebecca (2), Margaret, John, James D., Elizabeth, William.

Rebecca (2) was struck by a locomotive at Hackensack, N. J., and killed, July 28, 1900.

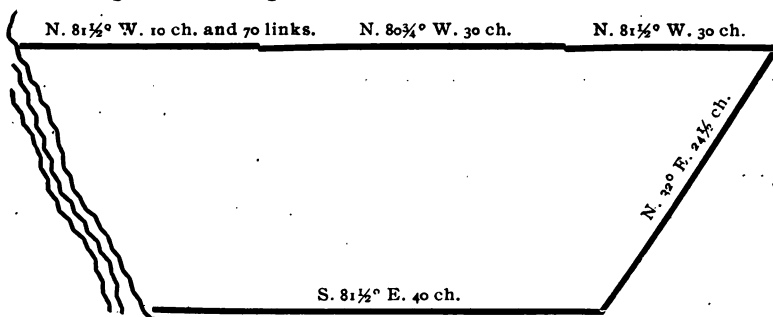
Harry M. Berdan, son of James D., who married Elizabeth Berdan, of Paterson, has been Freeholder, Township Clerk, etc.

The site of the log house, on the Berdan property, in Upper Preakness, was just back of where the barn buildings of the present James D. stand. The first story of the main part of the old house now occupied by the family was built, (according to the father of William Roome, of Butler, who was a surveyor), in 1792, either by the son or grandson, Jacob, of the first settler, according to whether that first settler was Jan, who married Eva Van Sielen, or his son, Albert, b. January 17, 1702. The second story of the house was built by Albert Berdan, b. 1767, the grandfather of the present James D., and the son of the original builder. In his time, that is, in Albert's time, the Indians used to have a summer encampment across the little brook north of the house; while, in the winter, they would go to Bloomingdale, as it is now, and make their winter quarters in the thick woods there. From these Indians, with whose children the said Albert played, when he was a boy, has been handed down the name *Pra-qua-less*, or "quail woods."

Johannes De Riemer (Doremus) settled in Lower Preakness as early as 1717, or possibly a little earlier. In a deed from the legal representatives of the heirs and devisees of Thomas Hart, late of London, dec'd, to Derrick Dey, October 9, 1717, for 600 acres of land, in Lower Preakness, the tract is described as "Beginning at the southwest corner of Johannes De Riemer's land, on

Singac Brook," which land probably was that which his son Cornelius H., (Hans), or J., (Jan), Doremus, (he wrote his name both ways), on September 20, 1769, for £480, deeded to Samuel Van Saen;—now evidently, in part, at any rate, the Aaron Laauwe farm, and the Sikkema and Garside farms. In the deed to Van Saen, the said tract is described (Bergen County Transcribed Deeds, Book A, p. 121) as "Beginning at the east side of a brook, called by the Indians Singack, at a place where a small run of water runneth into said sd brook, and running from thence (1) South  $81\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 40 chains (2) thence North  $32^{\circ}$  East  $24\frac{1}{2}$  chains (3) thence North  $81\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West 30 chains (4) thence North  $80\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  East 30 chains (5) thence North  $81\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 10 chains and 70 links to the Singack Brook aforesaid, thence down the stream the several courses thereof to the place where it first began containing 150 acres strict measurement."

Note.—There appears to be something wrong here, as we cannot bring the lines together. The only explanation we can give is that the fourth and fifth lines are probably North West instead of North East, in which case the plot would be in shape something like the diagram below.



This is the explanation of Samuel R. Demarest, attorney, of Hackensack. Johannes De Riemer (Doremus) was the second living son of Cornelis Doremus and Jannetje Joris, who, with their children, Cornelis and Johannes, were the first of the name in this country. They came from Middelburg, Holland. Their oldest son, Thomas (1), died on the voyage; two daughters had died in the old country; several other children were afterwards born to them in America. The family lived at Wesel, between Paterson and Passaic.

Cornelis Doremus, the immigrant, b. at Breskens, m. May 12, 1675, at Arneminden, Janneke Joris van Elsland, (b. at Groede),—

all these places being on the Island of Walcheren, Province of Laan, in the southwestern part of Holland, bordering on Belgium. They came to America about 1685. Their children were:

1. Thomas (1), bap. March 24, 1676.
2. Maijke, bap. November 17, 1677.
3. Janneke, bap. January 3, 1680.
4. Cornelis, bap. February 3, 1682.
5. Joannes, bap. September 7, 1684.

All the above baptisms occurred at Middelburg.

6. Thomas, (2), bap. April 11, 1687, at Bergen.
7. Jannetje, bap. June 4, 1691, at Bergen.
8. Joris, b. about 1693.
9. Hendrick, bap. May 28, 1695.

Thomas (1), as we have seen, died on the voyage to this continent. Maijke and Janneke died young in Holland. Cornelis m. August 12, 1710, Rachel Pieterse. Johannes m. August 19, 1710. Elizabeth A. Akkermans, who was born in Bergen, and lived, at the time of her marriage, at Hackensack. In his latter days Johannes Doremus lived at Paramus, where he made his will July 5, 1754, witnessed by Deyrek Dey, Nicholas Kip, and Philip Schuyler. This was probably Philip Schuyler, of Pompton, who, in 1712, married Hester Kingsland. Thomas (2) m. October 4, 1712, Anneke A. Akerman. Jannetje m. October 22, 1715, Frans Oudtwater. Joris m. March 16, 1717, Marretie Berdan. Hendrick m. April 14, 1716, Annatie Hesselse. The father of these children died January or February, 1715; their mother somewhat later.

After Cornelis H., (Hans), or J., (Johannes), Doremus, son of Johannes, conveyed the aforementioned tract to Samuel Van Saen, he removed to Parsippany. None of his descendants, and therefore of Johannes's descendants, that we know of, is now with us. But Peter J. Doremus is a descendant of the first Johannes's brother, Thomas (2), in the seventh generation from Cornelis, of Wesel.

This Thomas married Anneke Abramse Ackermans. "He settled near the head waters of the Peckamin River, on the portion of the Garret Mountain tract given to him by his father's will." Thomas Doremus's son, Cornelis Doremus, married Antje Yong. They had a son, Thomas, who married Rachel Spier. A son, Peter, of this union, married Susanna Jones. These were the grand-

parents of Peter J.—his parents being Nicholas Jones Doremus and Elizabeth Haring, his wife.

William D. Doremus, of Preakness, is a descendant of Joris or George, another son of Cornelis Doremus, of Wesel, and brother of Cornelis, Jr., and Johannes and Thomas. This George or Joris Doremus married Marretie Berdan. Their son Cornelis married Sara Reyerse. This couple had a son who married Margaret Westervelt. These were the parents of Jan Doremus, who wrote his name John G., the father of William D., and who married Geertje Ryerson. The first Joris Doremus died in 1733, and his widow married again, her second husband being Jacob Tisort. (Tietsoort). William Dearman Doremus is in the fifth generation from him, and in the sixth from Cornelis, of Wesel. He was the fourteenth child of his parents, and the third William. The old house in which Jacob Meyer lives, northeast of the Bingham place, was built by an uncle of William D. Doremus, by the name of Dearman or Tearman, or Tierman, who married Mr. Doremus's father's sister. The house was burned the night President Lincoln was assassinated, but was built up again, the old walls remaining, or being left in the building, as far as they would do. Mr. Doremus's father or grandfather owned all the land east of where he lived, and of where William D. lived, to the top of the mountain, this side of Paterson, including the Robert Gaede place, the John Grundy place, the Van Orden and other places, as well as west of his residence, to Singac Brook. Jan, or John G. Doremus, the father of William D., was long an elder, and for a time treasurer of this church. He lived on what is now (1902) the Bingham place, where his father Joris had lived before him, in an old stone house, long since in ruins, just back of where the present house stands. William D., who married Helen Ann Benson, spent most of his married life in the house across the road.

Also the late Cornelius O. and John Doremus, brothers, of Lower Preakness, were descendants of this same George, the brother of the first Johannes Doremus, in another line from that of William D., and in the seventh generation from Cornelis Doremus and Jannetje Joris. This is the line: Joris Doremus and Marretie Berdan had a son Joris who married Marregrietje Tytsoort. They had a son Cornelis. We don't know whom he married. But he had a son Joris who married Eve Yong. And this couple had a son Jores, who married Elmina Onderdonk. And these were the parents of the brothers C. O. and John. Jores Doremus, the father

of these boys, lived in Lower Preakness on the mountain towards Paterson, where his grandsons, the sons of Cornelius O., now live.

A great many acres, in various portions of Preakness, have belonged to the Doremus family, though the name is not at present as numerous here as it has been.

The mill and farm property occupied by the Peter J. Doremus family, before it belonged to his father-in-law, John I. Traphagen, was owned by William Sickles, his (Peter's) wife's grandfather, and father-in-law of Mr. Traphagen, who, (Sickles), bought it of Richard Doremus, a descendant of the first owner of it, viz: Joris or Georges, who came here in 1723, son of the first Cornelis of Wesel. (Cornelis,—Joris or Georges,—Johannes,—Joris,—Richard.) This Richard, therefore, was the first George's great grandson. His farm and mill property in Preakness was devised to him by his father's will. After selling it to Mr. Sickles, he removed to New York, and, when he died, was buried in Schraalenburg.\* Peter J. Doremus was born and brought up in Pacquanac.

August 30, 1717, David Danielson, who was a Hennion, of Bergen County, bought of the heirs of Thomas Hart for "£130 current money of New York," a tract, which, with all about them, covered the Preakness church and parsonage lots. It is described as follows:

"All that certain part or parcell of land, situate, lying, and being in Bergen County, in the Province of East New Jersey aforesaid, beginning at a black oak tree marked with the letter D, and from thence running North one hundred and twelve chains to a rock marked D. D.," (probably back of the old Esquire Merselis house, now Mrs. Cahill's), "thence North eighty-six degrees Easterly sixty-nine chains to Singac Brook, then down the stream thereof to a black oak marked on four sides, which is the North East corner of Brockholst land, then following Brockholst lines, to a stake set near a brook, thence South eighty-six degrees Westerly fifty-three chains to the tree where it began, containing, (as by the return of the surveyor may appear) six hundred and fifty acres together with, etc., etc."

This seems to have included all of what in these days (1900) are known as the Merselis properties, and those south of them, and taking in at least the upper end (but we cannot tell how much of it) of Lower Preakness, between Singac Brook and Pacquanack

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\* Most of these facts are taken from the Doremus Genealogy by William Nelson. John Neafe likewise has furnished us with some of them.

Line. Some of this land, according to the Passaic County Records, appears to have been deeded October 2, or 20, 1719, to Garret Garretson, Jr. Theunis Hennion, grandson of D. D. Hennion, also at one time owned some of it, which, on June 1, 1763, he deeded to Edo Marselis. David Danielson Hennion had two sons who remained in Preakness,—Daniel or Nathaniel and Johannes. Theunis was the son of this John or Johannes. Theunis Hennion, son of Johannes, and grandson of David Danielson Hennion, was married at Acquackanonk, June 13, 1746, to Annetje Doremus. The entry states he was born at "Perikenes." His will is dated May 19, 1801, and was proved December 29, 1801.

David Danielson Hennion, baptized in New York, July 1, 1665, was the son of Nathaniel Pietersen Hennion, who came from Leyden, Holland, and married Anneken Davids Ackerman, June 28, 1664, in New Amsterdam, (New York City.) David was the oldest child of this union. There were eleven children in all:

1. David, bap. July 1, 1665, at New York.
2. Hester, bap. June 12, 1667, at New York; married.
3. Lysbeth, bap. March 26, 1670, at New York; married.
4. Catharine, bap. February 17, 1673, at New York.
5. Rachel, bap. September 22, 1675, at New York; died young.
6. Anna, born about 1677, (supposed).
7. Pieter, bap. April 5, 1679, at New York.
8. Rachel, bap. April 19, 1681, at New York.
9. Johannes, bap. July 11, 1683, at New York.
10. Aeltje, bap. November 15, 1685, at New York.
11. Abraham, bap. April 11, 1688, at New York.

David Danielson Hennion married March 29, 1692, at Bergen, Antje Jans Straatmaker, and had at least seven children:

1. Johannes, bap. January 1, 1693, at New York.
2. Nathaniel, bap. September 5, 1694, at New York.
3. A son, b. June 1, 1696; baptized at Bergen; called simply "the 3rd child and 3rd son." No name is entered on the records.
4. Abraham, bap. August 24, 1698, at New York.
5. Isaac, bap. November 10, 1700, at Hackensack.
6. Eleanor, (the only daughter).
7. Jacobus, bap. November 21, 1705, at New York.

Both parents of these children joined the Dutch Church at Bergen, June 28, 1697, and on October 6, 1700, were dismissed to the Hackensack Church, which they probably joined soon after; although there is no record of their having been received at Hack-

ensack. In May, 1719, Davidt Hennion, of Upper Preakness, was chosen a Deacon in the Acquackanonk Church, in place of Pieter Helmigse Van Houten; and he was also chosen a Deacon, in May, 1721, in the same church, in place of Dirck Hartmanse Vreeland. (See Records of Hackensack Church, which at that time was collegiate with Acquackanonk, pp. 296, 297, as printed by the Holland Society of New York.) These facts would indicate, if he had not done it before, that, at any rate, soon after David Hennion came to Preakness, he changed his church from that at Hackensack, to that at Acquackanonk. He must have attended at Hackensack certainly for a while, as he had been dismissed there with his wife from Bergen, and he had had a child baptized there; and he may have gone there for years, until he came to Preakness. We note likewise that in 1716 David Danielson Hennion was a Freeholder in Bergen County, and in 1723, a Justice of the Peace. It might be observed in this connection that David Danielson was Nathaniel's son, and in olden times, Nathaniel, Thaniel, and Daniel, were often used interchangeably,—hence *Danielson*.

David Danielson's son, Johannes Hennion, at the age of forty-three, was ordained Deacon at Pompton (Steel Works), April 7, 1736, when the new and only church building there was dedicated. (Memorial Discourse, November 22, 1871. Rev. J. V. N. Schenk.)

Johannes Hennion married Antie Taelman, and evidently lived in Preakness, where some, if not all, of his children were born:

1. Theunis.
2. Breghie, bap. July 5, 1724, at Hackensack.
3. Antje, b. December 5, 1728; bap. January 5, 1729, at Acquackanonk.
4. Margrietje, b. June 17; bap. July 5, 1730, at Acquackanonk.

No one in Preakness bears the Hennion name now. But there are still numerous members of the family in the county. The family was prominent in the early history of our church, as shown by the names on old papers and records. Hennions quite recently lived on the Ira Roat, and Charles H. Tintle, and other Preakness farms of to-day (1901).

We suppose the old Danielson or Hennion homestead was first a log house, and afterwards the old stone house, probably on or near the same spot, the ruins of which are a few rods northeast of the present old, but exceedingly well preserved, house of G. F. Merselis. That is, David Danielson Hennion most likely lived in

this first stone house, or his successor (perhaps his son) did, after having had the inevitable log house as his original residence. The present G. F. Merselis house was built by Edo Merselis, the first Merselis in Preakness.

The Rev. E. Livingston Allen, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the New York Conference (1902), and who for a few years, when a child, with his parents, lived in Preakness, is through his mother, a descendant of the Preakness Hennions.

David Danielson Hennion's daughter, Eleanor, married Henry Frederick. Henry and Eleanor Frederick had a daughter, Catharine, who married Artemas Livingsworth. Artemas and Catharine Livingsworth had a daughter, Eleanor (died June 30, 1897, aged eighty-six), who married Henry R. Allen. Henry R. and Eleanor Allen were the parents of Dr. Allen, and his sister, Mrs. John I. Holt, of Paterson.

In the early history of Preakness, we frequently come in contact with the Ackerman family. The first of this name in this country was David, (d. before April 26, 1663), who probably hailed from Bosch, Holland, and who, with his wife, Lysbet, and six children, aged twenty, eighteen, sixteen, twelve, eight, and six years respectively, sailed from Amsterdam, in the ship *Fox*, and arrived at New Amsterdam (New York), September 2, 1662. His children were Lysbeth, Anneken, David, Lourens, Lodewick, and Abram.

1. Lysbeth, m. January 29, 1668, at New York, Kier Wolters, widower, and is supposed to have had no children.

2. Anneken, born at Bosch, m. June 28, 1664, at New York, Nathaniel Pietersen Hennion. She had at least eleven children. (See under Hennion.)

3. David, m. at New York (license dated March 13, 1680), Hillegond Verplanck, and had at least six children.

4. Lourens, m. at Bergen August 3, 1679, Geertje Egberts, and had at least seven children, as follows:

(1) Lysbeth, bap. May 8, 1680, at New York; m. at Hackensack October 18, 1712, Cornelius Vanderhoof.

(2) Jannetje, bap. April 18, 1682, at Bergen; m. Jacobus Van Voorhees.

(3) Egbert, bap. February 23, 1685, at New York; m. at Hackensack April 12, 1707, Elizabeth Bryant.

(4) Catarina, bap. March 26, 1686, at Hackensack; m. at Hackensack February 15, 1707, John Cornelise Verway.



(5) David, m. at Hackensack March 9, 1710, Sarah Culver.

(6) Johannes, m. at Hackensack, Jacomina Demarest.

(7) Jacobus, m. at Acquackanonk May 19, 1730, Dirkje Van Giesen.

5. Lodewick, the fifth child of David Ackerman, married twice: 1. At Kingston, N. Y., January, 1682, Janneke Jacobze Bleyck. 2. At New York April 18, 1699, Hillegond Bosch. By his two wives he had no less than eight children; but probably there were several others.

6. Abram, sixth child of David Ackerman, m. May 28, 1683, Aeltje Van Laer, who was born May 4, 1663, and was baptized at Kingston April 25, 1666. This union resulted in thirteen children:

(1) David, bap. May 11, 1684, at New York; m. at Hackensack, September 20, 1707, Margrietie Jurcks. (Yorks.)

(2) Gerrit, bap. May 3, 1685, at New York; m. at Hackensack, October 4, 1712, Jannetie Albertse Van Voorhees.

(3) Abigael, bap. January 19, 1687, at New York; m. 1. At Hackensack July, 1707, Andries Hendrickse Hopper. 2. At Hackensack October 13, 1733, Derick Brinckerhoff.

(4) Lysbeth, bap. May 19, 1689, at New York; m. at Hackensack August 19, 1710, Johannes Doremus, (De Riemer, of Preakness.)

(5) Johannes, bap. September 15, 1690, at New York. Died October 29, 1690, at Bergen.

(6) Anneken, bap. December 27, 1691, at New York; m. at Hackensack October 4, 1712, Thomas Doremus, "of the head waters of the Peckamin."

(7) Anna Maria, bap. July 12, 1693, at New York. Died, January 24, 1696, at Bergen.

(8) Adrian, b. March 26, 1695; bap. at Bergen; m. 1. At Hackensack October 20, 1716, Annatie Meyers. 2. At Hackensack April 2, 1720, Maritie Johannese Van Blerkum.

(9) Johannes, bap. November 15, 1696, at Hackensack; m. 1. At New York May 5, 1721, Maria Weekvelt. 2. At Hackensack February 28, 1728, Elizabeth Stagg.

(10) Gelyn, bap. December, 1697, at Hackensack; m. Rachel Albertse Van Voorhees.

(11) Anne Maria, bap. April 6, 1701, at Hackensack; m. at Hackensack October 24, 1719, Albertes Terhune.

(12) Abram, bap. February 22, 1702, at Hackensack; m. at Hackensack September 8, 1727, Hendrica Hopper.

(13) Sarah, bap. January 21, 1705, at Hackensack; m. at Hackensack May 22, 1725, Cornelis Toers.

Abram Ackerman's house, built in 1704, and in which his daughters were married, is still standing in Hackensack, on Essex Street, almost opposite the New York and New Jersey Railroad Station.

We will note further only the two branches of the family in which we are more particularly interested:

1. Jacobus Ackerman and Dirkje Van Giesen had anyhow five children:

(1) Lourens, b. February 24, 1731; bap. May 16, 1731, at Acquackanonk. Probably died young.

(2) Geertje, bap. April 27, 1735, at Hackensack.

(3) Louwrens, bap. May 1, 1737, at Hackensack.

(4) Elizabeth, bap. April 15, 1744, at Hackensack.

(5) Jacob, bap. May 4, 1746, at Hackensack.

2. Gelyn Ackerman and Rachel Albertse Van Voorhees, cousins of the others, had six children:

(1) Albert, bap. February 16, 1724, at Hackensack.

(2) Abraham, b. May 2, 1728; bap. at Acquackanonk May 19.

(3) Lena, bap. January 1, 1731, at Hackensack.

(4) David, bap. October 14, 1733, at Hackensack.

(5) Gerrit, bap. September 5, 1736, at Hackensack.

(6) Jacobus, bap. December 2, 1739, at Hackensack.

This last Jacobus Ackerman, (bap. December 2, 1739), m. his second cousin, Elizabeth, (bap. April 15, 1744), both of whom are buried back of the Preakness Church. He died May 1, 1823. His tombstone calls him James G. (probably for Gelyn, his father) Eckerman, aged eighty-two years, five months, and eight days, which is an error,—it should be eighty-three years, etc. His wife died March 13, 1834, aged ninety years and eight days, which would make her birth date, March 5, 1744.

James G. Ackerman and his wife, Elizabeth, had a son, James, who married a Fredericks, and had children as follows:

1. Elizabeth, (Betsy), b. August 25, 1807.

2. Nicholas, b. November 30, 1810.

3. Martha, b. June 12, 1813.

4. John, b. January 23, 1815.

5. Charity, b. September 13, 1819.

6. James, b. June 12, 1825.

John Ackerman, (b. January 23, 1815, d. August 27, 1896), m. 1. Catharine Sisco, by whom he had one child, Catharine. 2. Jane Ryerson, the mother of Richard Henry and others. Richard Henry, in 1901, was the oldest representative of the family living in Preakness; but his uncle James, who had been living with his son, in Paterson, has since returned, and is now the oldest Ackerman here.

The Preakness branch of the Ackerman (or Eckerman) family, or James G. Eckerman's branch of it at least, came from Stony Brook, above Pompton Plains. The first Preakness home of this branch of the family, so far as we can tell, was on the present Ira Roat farm, on the brow of the hill east of said Roat's residence, where an old well is, or was.

A member of the Dey family, Dirk, or Derrick, by name, of New York City, (b. 1687, d. 1764), who married Jane Blanchard, (b. 1697, d. 1756), and who had sisters, Mrs. Francis Ryerson and Mrs. Hendrick Spier, whose mother likewise afterwards married the first George Ryerson, one of the first settlers in this section, also in 1717, October 9, bought of the heirs of Thomas Hart, a tract of land on Singac (flat or boggy) Brook, containing 600 acres, "besides ten in the hundred allowance for barrens and highways," for which the price paid was £120, New York money. The tract, as we have already seen, is described as beginning at the southwest corner of Johannes De Riemer's land, on Singac Brook, which would indicate that the present (1900) C. K. Berry farm, the Weinman farms, the Petrie farm, the Jacob R. Berdan farm, the Warren B. Mitchell farm, and other land, probably belonged to it. It is claimed, that Derrick Dey afterwards bought 200 acres more of land; but we doubt this. It is further declared, that his oldest son, Colonel Theunis Dey, owned 1,000 acres in all, and that his land extended to Little Falls. But, as it is also said, that Colonel Dey inherited all his land from his father, and never bought any, this seems unlikely.

This Derrick Dey, who was a carpenter by trade, appears to have come from New York to Preakness, when a young man, possibly as early as 1707 or 1708, and to have resided here perhaps until 1750, about which time he must have gone back to New York; for in 1755, he was living on the corner of Broadway and Dey

Street, in that city. Besides his son Theunis, he had three daughters, (three other children died unmarried quite early in life), all of whom were born in Preakness, and one of whom, Jane, June 15, 1749, married John Varick, and was afterwards the mother of Colonel Richard Varick, once Mayor of New York. Of the other two, Mary, November 24, 1761, married David Shaw; while Ann, December 12, 1764, married William MacAdam, (d. 1779), and became the mother of John L. MacAdam, (b. 1756, d. 1836), the originator and inventor of macadam roads. David Shaw was from Elgin, North Britain. He died October 1, 1767, and is buried in the Hackensack churchyard. His widow, Mary, who died March 8, 1826, aged eighty-four years, six months, and eight days, lies by his side. John and Jane Varick also lie in this same churchyard, the former, born December 20, 1723, died November 7, 1809; the latter, born January 29, 1728, died April 11, 1810. William MacAdam, being a loyalist during the war of the Revolution, when the war was over, went with his family to England, (or Scotland), and remained there.

The Preakness family of Deys is descended from one Dirck, known as Dirck Dey, Dirk Jansen, Dirk Siecken, Dirck Jansen Dey, etc., who was a soldier in the service of the Dutch West India Company, and came from Amsterdam, Holland, to New Amsterdam, before December, 1641. His death occurred in November, 1687. He was twice married:

First, December 28, 1641, to Jannetje Theunis, of Amsterdam, who died before December 18, 1658. Second, October 18, 1659, to Geertie Jans Langendyck, from St. Martins, North Holland. This second wife, after becoming a widow, married November 11, 1687, Theunis Gysbertse Bogaert, widower of Sara Rapelje.

Dirck Janse Siecken Dey's will, dated December 5, 1683, was probated July 11, 1693. The children of this first Derrick Dey, by his first wife Jannetje, were:

1. Jan, bap. September 22, 1652, who was a Magistrate at Pemrapo, (Bergen), N. J., August 31, 1674. We know nothing more of him.

2. Theunis, bap. September 24, 1656; m. February 4, 1685, Anneken Schouten, b. March 17, 1666. He died in 1688 or 1689, and his widow married again August 11, 1691, Joris Martenzen Reyerson.

Dirck Dey's children by his second wife Geertje were:

3. Jannetje, bap. December 7, 1659; m. June 17, 1685, Frans Corneliszen, b. at Middelburg.

4. Hendrick, bap. July 24, 1661; probably died young.

Theunis Dey and Anneken Schouten, the parents of the Preakness Dirck, had children:

1. Jane, bap. November 24, 1685; m. about 1707, Francis Martensen Ryerson.

2. Dirck, bap. March 27, 1687.

3. Sarah, bap. June 10, 1688; m. April 30, 1709, Hendrick Janse Spier. The marriage occurred at Hackensack; but Spier is mentioned as living at Acquackanonk, and his bride at Peghkena (Pacquanac?). Did the Theunis Dey family live in Pacquanac in 1709?

Dirck Dey, who came from New York to Preakness, the second of the above children, m. December 16, 1725, Jane Blanchard, daughter of Jean Blanchard and Jane Gautier. Jane Blanchard was baptized in the French church, New York City, March 21, 1697. The record gives her birth as January 20; but the family Bible gives the date as January 7. Dirck Dey died in New York, and was buried May 11, 1764. His wife was buried August 14, 1756. Both were interred in the graveyard attached to the Middle Dutch Church, corner Nassau and Liberty streets, which building afterwards for many years was the old New York postoffice.

The will of Dirck Dey is dated August 4, 1761, and was probated in New York, May 29, 1764. Dirck Dey removed to New York from Bergen County, N. J., some time during the year 1752; as he was a member of the New Jersey Assembly 1748-1752, and on April 14, 1753, deeded property as a resident of the city of New York. He was also a Freeholder of Bergen County, first, on April 21, 1724, and last, on May 10, 1749. Dirck Dey in his will left to his son Theunis all his real and personal estate in East and West New Jersey, divided and undivided, and to his three daughters handsome legacies; while the balance of his property was divided equally among the four children who are all named as executors.

The children of Dirk and Jane Dey were:

1. Theunis, b. October 29, 1726; bap. at Acquackanonk; d. June 10, 1787.

2. Jane, b. January 29, 1728; d. April 11, 1810.

3. John, b. December 8, 1729; bap. January 11, 1730; d. unmarried before 1761.

4. Derrick, b. May 11, bap. May 28, 1732; d. unmarried before 1761.

5. Anna, b. August 23, 1735; d.

6. Sarah, b. April 12, 1738; d. unmarried before 1761.

7. Mary, b. August 29, 1741; d. March 8, 1826.

Acquackanonk records say:

Janneke, b. January 18, 1728; bap. February 25.

Johannes, b. November 7, 1729; bap. January 11, 1730.

Dirk, b. May 14, 1732, bap. May 28.

Note.—From a photographic copy of the old records of the old Dey Bible, known as the Jane Blanchard Bible, Miss Grace T. Dey, daughter of A. V. B. Dey, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, has given us the following:

“My son Tueniss Dey was born in October ye 18th in ye year Lord God An. Dom. 1726.”

On another page in the same Bible:

“Theunis Dey was born October 18th, N. S. 29th—1726.

Dyed June 10th, 1787.”

“Hester Dey was born April the 12th, N. S. 23d—1725.

Dyed September 3d—1784.”

Another Derrick Dey, who came from Wesel, along the Passaic, some years later, lived at Two Bridges. It was probably this Derrick, who, in 1730, described as “Derrick Dey, of Pachgannick,” bought of Peter Sonmans, of Perth Amboy, for £50, a triangular lot of 200 acres, in Wayne Township,—as he certainly owned land in his day, on both sides of the Pompton River. This Derrick Dey’s house was in the southeast corner of Morris County, Pequannock Township, back of which he had considerable of a farm; while the land he owned in Wayne Township was mainly south of the Bridges, or below the junction of the Passaic and Pompton rivers, where said triangular plot lay.

Derrick Dey, of Two Bridges, m. December 11, 1736, Sarah Toers. Their children were: Helena, m. John Neafie, 1762; Thomas, b. December 8, 1747, m. Abigail Lewis, (Aunt Abbey), about 1768; Dirk (1), b. October 28, 1749, died in infancy; John, m. Jane Doremus, December 19, 1771, who was born July 7, 1754; Maritje, b. May 15, 1754, m. about 1771, Peter C. Doremus, bap. June 8, 1744, d. 1790 (Maritje’s second husband was John De Hart); Derrick (2), b. January 6, 1757, died young; Sarah, bap. June 24, 1759, m. Jacobus F. Post, who was baptized December 24, 1752; and probably there were others.

The two Derricks here mentioned were, no doubt, in some way related to each other; but we have been unable to find any one who could show us, or to get any data by which we could positively decide, what the relationship was.

The first Derrick Dey, as we will call him, since he was, as we have noted, a carpenter, may have himself built, in Lower Preakness, the house which afterwards became, and is still known, as having for a while been, General Washington's Headquarters; especially since the workmanship of it is so superior and complete, that one would hardly think a mechanic could have gone to the pains and thoroughness, as in this instance, except as he might be building a home for himself; and if this was so, the house thus specified must have been constructed before 1750. For that matter, however, Lawyer William H. Belcher, of Paterson, who has just bought the place (1902), and who on account of his great appreciation of its historic associations, is repairing and putting it in most excellent order, says that as long ago as 1860, ex-Sheriff



THE DEY HOUSE IN LOWER PREAKNESS, HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON FROM JULY 1 TO JULY 29, AND FROM OCTOBER 8 TO NOVEMBER 27, 1780.

Hogencamp, a former owner of the property, told him the house was built in 1740. Besides, architects also have assured Mr. Belcher, from what they know of such things, that it must have been built as early as 1740. Nevertheless, some claim that Colonel Theunis Dey, the oldest son of Derrick Dey, of Preakness, (formerly, as well as subsequently of New York), erected this most notable mansion, not earlier than somewhere from 1750 to 1760, or later.

Three letters, written in 1780 and 1781, by E. Day, (for Esther or Hester), a daughter of the Colonel, to Colonel Richard Varick, her first cousin, were published in "The Historical Magazine," of New York City, Vol. V, Second Series, February, 1869, pages 109-111. These letters are dated September 25, 1780, October 13, 1780, and July 7, 1781, and in their printed form are all headed, "Bloomsburg," which would show that the Dey House, in Lower Preakness, was known in those days by that name; although the name thus indicated, since it is found in all the early conveyances of land in that section, or neighborhood, may have attached rather to the Dey tract. Probably the children of Colonel Theunis Dey in their time gave the name to the place, that is, the property.

In our Historical address, published in *The Paterson Call*, November 2, 1901, we spoke of the place as "Bloomsbury," instead of "Bloomsburg." The former is the name given in the family Bible of General Richard Dey's oldest son, Anthony. The record is that this Anthony was born at Bloomsbury. Which of these names is the correct one, we are not sure; but are inclined to think that "Bloomsburg" and not "Bloomsbury" is correct. Still, if we could see the original letters of E. Dey, just referred to, which, we suppose, as they were there years ago, are in the Tomlinson Collection of Manuscripts, at present in possession of the Mercantile Library, in Astor Place, New York, some confirmatory light, one way or the other, might be shed on the subject. The printed letters, as we have shown, are headed "Bloomsburg." Is that correct? Or should the heading have been "Bloomsbury," as in Anthony Dey's Bible? The Tomlinson Collection in these days is inaccessible; since, when it was open to the public, or to certain favored individuals, several important papers were extracted from it, and have never been returned; so that the trustees of the corporation now have the collection under lock and key. Nor is it known in all



cases just what papers were taken or what were left, as the collection was never indexed.

Colonel Theunis Dey was one of the most distinguished citizens Preakness has ever had. He was Colonel of the Bergen County Regiment of Militia, in the early part of 1776, his son Richard (Derrick), being Captain of the same regiment, afterwards Major, and still later General. Colonel Theunis Dey was in the New Jersey Assembly 1761-5, 1768-76, and in 1779; and in 1780-1, he represented Bergen County (this was all Bergen County then) in the Council, returning to the Assembly in 1783. In 1780, his wife, Hester Schuyler Dey, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard Dey, were appointed on the committee of Bergen County ladies to raise funds for the relief of the American troops. (Nelson.)

The children of Colonel Theunis and Hester Dey, (the latter born April 12, 1725, d. September 3, 1784), who were married in 1749, were: Jane, b. March 16, 1750; Hester, b. October 9, 1751; Dirk, b. November 29, 1752 (this was the General); Philip, b. July 10, 1754; Anna, b. May 10, 1756, (died young, and buried in the family burying ground on the place); John, b. April 16, 1758; Peter, b. March 7, 1760; Benjamin, b. December 11, 1761; David, b. November 30, 1763; Teunis, b. August 19, 1768;—ten in all. These children were baptized in different places, viz: Pompton Plains, Totowa, Paramus, and elsewhere.

Colonel Dey and his family lived in Lower Preakness in the old Mansion, to which we have already referred as having been Washington's Headquarters. Washington made this his official home for four weeks in July, 1780, viz: from Saturday, July 1, to Saturday, July 29; and also from Sunday, October 8, to Monday, November 27, of the same year; although he had evidently been in the house before, and probably many times, as a letter of his is still in existence, which is dated from the Dey House June 11, 1780. (Neafie.) Washington occupied four rooms in this house, most likely two on each floor. The present southeast room, now used as a dining-room, is pointed out as his office. This room also, according to De Chastellux, was Washington's dining-room. Here is a quotation from a translation, printed in 1787, of "The Travels of De Chastellux":

"At nine this morning, they informed me that His Excellency was come down to the parlour. This room served at once as audience chamber and dining-room." Further, in this connection,

it is stated that the table was placed diagonally across the room at dinner, and was afterwards converted to a round table at supper.

This would indicate that the room here referred to was that which the family then used as their parlor; while the room back of it, the present kitchen, was undoubtedly the room at that time used as the family dining-room. It is said that Washington had all four of the rooms which he occupied papered at his own expense, (but this is doubted), and that the paper then put on remained in place until about 1870.

"The house is two stories in height, with a double pitch or gambrel roof, through which some later owner has pierced windows for four good sized attic rooms, thereby giving it the appearance of a mansard." The size of the house is fifty-two feet front and thirty deep. "The front is of brick, the doorway and windows being trimmed with polished brown sandstone, squared and set in the most accurate manner." (Nelson. In Magazine of American History. 1879. Vol. III.)

The gable ends and rear are built of ordinary field stone to the eaves; above that the end walls are of brick, all the brick in the structure having been burned on what is now (1900) the Jacob R. Berdan property adjoining, but which at that time belonged to the Dey estate. The walls are laid in yellow clay, pointed with mortar, and are still in perfect condition. All the timbers are of oak; of immense size and strength, and fastened together by huge wooden pins. A large hall, twelve feet wide, runs through the middle of the building; and, originally, at both the front and rear ends of this hall, there were double, or half, that is, upper and lower doors, the upper section of the front door having on it a large bronze or brass knocker. These doors and the knocker now are all lost; but ex-Mayor Howe, of Passaic, still has the old lock that was on the front door. On either side of the hall are two rooms, with fireplaces, all of them faced with brown sandstone. There is the same number of rooms and hall on the second floor, with the addition of a front hall room, or closet, of considerable size, put in later. The four east rooms are of superior workmanship to the four rooms west, there being in them deep recesses in all the windows, and panels over the fireplaces. It is said that there were once tiles around these fireplaces; but no one in these days knows where the tiles ever went to. The ceilings in the house are nine feet high on the first floor, and eight feet high on the second. A covered porch, with side seats on the stoop, once orna-

mented the front of the house; while there was likewise a small balcony, with door opening on it, at the back end of the hall on the second floor, which door has since given place to a window, as has the rear door on the first floor as well. There was an entrance of some kind, whether from the outside or inside, we do not know, to the cellar, from the western end of the foundation, which has in more recent times been closed up. There are many conjectures as to what this was for. But probably it was an outside entrance similar to the other two on the other end of the house. In the attic floor also, toward the east end, are a number of short boards, as though closing up what was once an opening for a stairway, of which, however, there is no other indication, that is, nothing can be seen of it from below. It is claimed that the date of the erection of this house, and the name or initials of the builder, are somewhere on the rear or side walls. But as these walls were covered by Mr. Heeseman nearly twenty years ago with cement, we are unable to find such inscription.

A large stone kitchen, in olden times, stood a few feet east of this notable mansion, and from it a covered passageway led to the east end door of the room now used as a kitchen, but which, as we have noted, it is believed, was formerly the dining-room. And there were doubtless also quarters for slaves somewhere in the rear of the premises.

Washington was at the Dey House, in Preakness, when Count de Rochambeau, in command of a French fleet, having 6,000 men on board, arrived at Newport, July 10, 1780, when "Filled with the joyous news," \* \* \* and assured of "the possibility of success in the Rhode Island Campaign, the army, on July 29, (1780). moved from Preakness to Paramus, thence to Kings Ferry, where the Hudson was crossed." (New Jersey as a Colony and as a State. By Lee. Vol. II, p. 240.)

Later, that same year, on his return to New Jersey, "following the execution of Major André, which occurred upon the 2nd of October, General Washington, on the 8th of that month, arrived at Preakness, accompanied by the main body of the army." Here the Commander-in-Chief reestablished his headquarters at the house of Colonel Theunis Dey. And it was at this place also that "he entered into a plan, which was unsuccessful, to capture Benedict Arnold, who had fled to New York." Likewise, while under the same roof, November 23-27, Washington was visited by the Marquis de Chastellux, a major-general in the French army, who after-

wards gave a most charming account of his entertainment there. (New Jersey as a Colony and as a State. By Lee. Vol. I, pages 431-437.)

In 1767, or subsequently, perhaps about 1770, Colonel Theunis Dey, of Preakness, conveyed one acre of ground, on which the Reformed Church of Pompton Plains now stands, to the Consistory of that church.

The Dey family, while here, was a very influential one in the county. Richard, Colonel Dey's oldest son, Captain, Major, and finally General, after his father, occupied the family mansion, until he sold it to the Neafies, in 1801, and went to Little Falls, or opposite Beattie's carpet mills, to live, where he built a one-story stone house on the spot where one of the Beatties at present resides. This house had a veranda along its front, a hall, with two rooms on each side, running through its centre, and a stone kitchen attached to it on the left or east end. In 1848, April 10, the date of the spring election that year, this house was burned to the ground, being occupied at the time by Ogden Hall and family. The General, not so many years after said house was built, was killed October 6, 1811, by being thrown from his horse, between the Dieppe vaal Bridge and Samuel Dey's place, as it is in this day (1900), at Fairfield. General Richard Dey's wife was Hannah Pierson, whom he married March 6, 1775. Their son, Anthony, (or Theunis, as he was baptized), the celebrated lawyer, was one of the founders of Jersey City.

General Richard Dey and his wife had children as follows—all of whom were born in Preakness:

Theunis, b. January 17, 1777; Maria, b. August 20, 1778; Pierson, b. March 8, 1780; Nancy and Elizabeth, twins, b. July 11, 1782; Hester, b. October 9, 1784; Jane, b. March 11, 1787; Gilbert; William MacAdams, bap. November 2, 1794, and possibly others. Theunis, or Anthony Dey, had two children: Josephine Elizabeth, b. August 18, 1834, in Lafayette Place, New York City, and Richard Varick. Josephine Elizabeth married Dr. Isaac A. Nichols, of Newark, N. J., who was born February 24, 1828, and died November 22, 1880, of blood poisoning, contracted in his devotion to a patient. He went to Paris and Berlin to get relief, but could find none that was efficient. Mrs. Nichols is still living (1902) in New York. Her children are:

1. J. Lillian, m. William Hoagland, of Hazleton, Pa., formerly of Griggstown, N. J., son of Henry Hoagland.

2. Anthony Dey.
3. Julia Dey, m. Mr. Martin, of New York.
4. Charles K.

The second child of Theunis or Anthony Dey was Rev. Richard Varick Dey, (b. January 11, 1801; d. September, 1837), a grandson also of Rev. Archibald Laidlie, S. T. D. The Rev. Richard Varick Dey was a graduate of Columbia College, N. Y., in 1818; of our Theological Seminary, in New Brunswick, in 1822; was licensed and settled over the Congregational Church, in Greenfield Hill, Connecticut, 1822-1830; and afterwards, 1830-31, was pastor over the Reformed Church in Vandewater Street, New York City. He married, September 11, 1822, Lavinia Agnes, (b. November 30, 1805; d. March 31, 1886), daughter of Colonel Joseph Warren Scott.

Children of Rev. Richard Varick Dey:

1. Richard Varick (1), b. May 11, 1823; died same day.
2. Mary Laidlie, b. May 8, 1824; living in New York.
3. Lavinia Agnes Scott, b. September 28, 1826; d. September 6, 1832.
4. Anthony, b. July 5, 1829; living in New York.
5. Joseph Warren Scott (1), b. June 3, 1831; died same day.
6. Joseph Warren Scott (2), b. September 8, 1832; living in New York and Kentucky.
7. Richard Varick (2), b. March 11, 1835; living in California; private secretary of the late John W. Mackay.

Maria, or Polly, the oldest daughter and second child, of General Richard Dey, m. May 29, 1798, John J. Berry, and had at least two children:

1. John, b. July 3, bap. August 18, 1799, at Totowa.
2. Richard Dey, b. March 2, bap. April 10, 1803.

John J. Berry, as per name on declaration among old church papers, was undoubtedly a resident of Preakness, as early as 1803, and perhaps before, and he probably lived on what is now the Warren B. Mitchell place, next to the old Mansion. We find his name also, evidently, written in different ways, on a number of other church papers, showing that such a person was unquestionably here for quite a long time. But who he was, or where he came from, or anything else about him, we are unable to determine.

Pierson Dey, we believe, at one time owned and occupied what has since been known as the Voorhees-Tomkins—Campbell—Casidy place west of the parsonage. He married January 31, 1803;

at Belleville, Ann Kingsland, and was here as late at 1811. We will not, however, trace this line of Deys any further. We find in "The Centinel of Freedom," of Newark, N. J., in issues Tuesday, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 1810, the following advertisement of General Richard Dey's property:

"Little Passaick Falls."

"For Sale—33 acres of land, adjoining the Little Passaick Falls, in Bergen County, and State of New Jersey. Upon the premises are erected a good stone, and two frame dwelling houses, a barn, saw mill and out houses. The situation is one of the best in the United States for the erection of water works of any description, and may be at a moderate expence so constructed as to command the whole water of the Passaick River.

There is also a good free stone quarry, and there are large tracts of timber and woodland in the neighborhood of it. It is distant ten miles from Newark by the Turnpike road, six miles from Paterson Landing, from whence boats ply to the city of New York. 10,000 dols. of the purchase money may remain on mortgage for any reasonable length of time, on payment of the interest annually."

"Apply to Anthony Dey, No. 19 Pine Street, N. York, or on the premises, to Richard Dey."

It will be seen from this that the New Jersey Water Company have done just what General Dey suggested over ninety years ago, by erecting water works on the property, and cutting a canal or intake just above what was once the Little Falls.

In the same paper, "The Centinel of Freedom," under date of Tuesday, October 15, 1811, is the notice of General Dey's death:

"Died.—On Sunday, the 6th inst., by a fall from a horse, General Richard Dey, of the Little Falls, Bergen County."

In the next week's issue of this paper, viz:—that of Tuesday, October 22, 1811, is another advertisement of the General's property, which is found in all the issues inclusive to January 14, 1812.

"For Sale,—the property at the Little Passaick Falls, lately occupied by General Dey, deceased, containing fifty-two acres, with the right of erecting a Toll-Bridge over the river. A large quantity of land adjoining can be procured if the purchaser requires it."

"On this property is a Dwelling House, Saw Mill, and other out buildings. It affords one of the best situations for water works of any description in the State of New Jersey."

"Also for sale a farm at Preakness, about two miles distant

from the Little Falls, containing about 100 acres, now in the possession of John J. Berry."

"Also for sale another farm, at Preakness, about four miles distant from the Little Falls, now in the occupation of Pierson Dey, containing about 230 acres. It is presumed no person will purchase either of the above situations without examining them. They will be sold very cheap, and upon such terms of credit as will suit the purchaser. An indisputable title will be given. Persons disposed to purchase will please enquire of Pierson Dey, at Preakness, or of Anthony Dey, No. 19 Pine Street, N. York."

Likewise we find in the "Centinel," under date of Tuesday, April 14, 1812, a long advertisement, signed by Anthony Dey, which refers to an act passed by the New Jersey State Legislature, January 23, 1812, authorizing A. Dey, William Colfax, John N. Cumming, and Charles Kinsey to sell the property at Little Falls, i. e. the large stone house and fifty-two acres, proposals until Saturday, May 12, 1812, at Newark. The advertisement further states that Mrs. Hannah Dey was about fifty-six years old, and that her youngest child was about sixteen. And it mentions in addition that a canal could be put to draw the whole water of the Passaic.

We notice, too, that in "The Centinel," of October 9-23, 1810, an advertisement of imported Merino sheep, on the General's farms in Preakness, which were offered for sale.

The fourth child and second son of Colonel Theunis Dey, was Dr. Philip Dey, who (license dated September 7, 1780) married Jane Post, (b. April 22, 1759; d. August 10, 1827), daughter of Francis Post and Caroline (Van Houten) Post. Jane Post had a number of brothers,—one of whom was the grandfather of the present (1901) C. H. Post, of Two Bridges;—and a sister Caroline, who had for her first husband Garret Neafie, of Two Bridges, brother of Colonel Richard Neafie. Dr. Philip Dey lived on the Jeremiah Ryerson, or Jacob R. Berdan, place of to-day (1901). He died, or was killed, August 2, 1810, before his brother Richard was, by the same horse which afterwards threw and killed his brother. The horse reared and fell over backwards on him and crushed him. The doctor had already disposed of his farm and stock, having sold his farm to the said Jeremiah Ryerson, and had removed, with his family, to the "Lake Country," in Western New York, where all his brothers, except Richard, had gone, and where he had been and bought a small farm of his brother Benjamin; but had returned to New Jersey on a visit to settle up matters; and

when the tragedy occurred, was out collecting on some vendue bills. The spot of this occurrence was on the place, or premises, south of the public highway, just west of the D. L. and W. Railroad crossing, at Mountain View, or Mead's Basin, as it was then, under a shed there, a little southwest of the house. (Mrs. Ann Jacobus.) The old house on the doctor's Preakness farm was a frame, one and one-half story building, and stood on the very spot where the present J. R. Berdan house stands.

Dr. Philip Dey's ten children, all of them born in Preakness, were as follows:

1. Theunis, or Anthony, b. February 6, 1781; d. November 14, 1851.
2. Catlyntje, b. November 14, 1782; d. April 28, 1841.
3. Nancy, b. August 21, 1784; d. March 12, 1861.
4. Frans Post, b. June 2, 1786; d. March 21, 1831.
5. Johannes P., b. June 23, 1788; d. January 15, 1864.
6. Benjamin, b. August 22 or 25, 1790; d. March 20, 1819.
7. Samuel Hay, b. August 29, 1792; d. April 24, 1852.
8. Charles William, b. February 12, 1795; d. April 27, 1847.
9. David, b. February 22, 1797; d. July 27, 1851.
10. Edwin, b. February 27, 1801; d. August 8, 1844.

Theunis, or Anthony, had a son, Peter A. Dey, a banker, living in Iowa City, and he has two unmarried sons. Catalyntje married and left one son, who has no descendants. Nancy married and has numerous descendants. Frans Post has no descendants living. Benjamin and Samuel never married. Charles William married, but left no descendants. David never married. Edwin became a physician, married, left two sons, who both married, but have no children. Johannes P., the fifth child of Dr. Philip Dey and Jane Post, married Phoebe Van Brunt, of Bay Ridge, L. I., (b. August 18, 1795). Their children were:

1. Rutgert V. B., b. 1819; d. 1820.
2. Jane Post, b. 1823; d. 1841.
3. Albert Van Brunt, b. September 8, 1825, who is living, (1902), at Waukesha, Wisconsin. Albert Van Brunt Dey married Catharine Opdyke, who was born October 17, 1825. Their children are: Grace Thatcher, b. January 23, 1853; Charles Carr, b. August 15, 1854; John P., b. May 28, 1860.

Grace Thatcher is not married, lives with her father. Charles Carr Dey, in 1885, married Grace Dunkin. He is a lawyer, living in Salt Lake City, Utah. His children are:



Marjorie, b. May 15, 1887; Eliza Opdyke, b. May 21, 1891; Albert Van Brunt, b. April 4, 1894; Phoebe Bergen, b. May 7, 1896. A. V. B. Dey, Jr., of Salt Lake City, is the only great great grandson ever born to Dr. Philip Dey, of Preakness. John P. Dey is City Engineer of Waukesha. He married Jennie Haynes, deceased, who left one child, Catharine, b. August 15, 1895.

We insert here the following communication from "The Centinel of Freedom," Newark, N. J., Tuesday, August 7, 1810, which is an obituary of Dr. Philip Dey:

"At Packanack, on Thursday morning, the 2nd inst., at the house of Mr. George Ryerson, Doct. Phillip Dey, of Genesee. His death was occasioned by the fall of his horse. He appeared sensible of his approaching fate. His remains were interred in Masonick order the following day in the family burying ground, attended by a number of the brethren of Cincinnatti, Orange, St. Johns, and Union Lodges. Order of Procession: Tylers, with drawn Swords,—Stewards, with Rods,—Brethren two and two,—Secretarys,—Treasurers,—Senior and Junior Wardens,—Paste Masters,—Holy Writings covered with a black Cloth, carried by the oldest member of the Lodge,—Master,—Grand Chaplain,—Clergy,—Stewards,—Tyler. Order of Service: An appropriate prayer by the Rev. Brother Jackson, sermon by the Rev. S. Grover, prayer by the Rev. Mr. Duryea. After which the service was closed at the Grave agreeable to ancient order in the most solemn manner, by the Rev. Brother Willard."

"Doct. Dey has left a numerous and respectable family to lament his untimely death; he was an affectionate husband, tender parent, and a generous friend. In him the community have been deprived of an eminent physician."

"While we drop the tear of sympathy over the Grave of our deceased friend, let charity dispose us to throw a veil over his foibles, whatever they may have been, and not withhold from his memory the praise that his virtues claim, and suffer the apologies of human nature to plead in his behalf."

"Perfection on earth has never been obtained. The wisest as well as the best of men have erred."

John Dey, sixth child and third son of Colonel Theunis Dey, was Clerk of Saddle River Township in 1779 and 1780, and Member of Assembly from Bergen County in 1799, 1800, and 1801. He eventually moved to the "Lake Country," and died there.

David Dey, ninth child and sixth son of Colonel Theunis

Dey, of Preakness, who, March 8, 1789, married Sarah Neafie, lived on the H. K. or now (1902), the C. K. Berry place. (d. July 27, 1851). In his day, although very young, he was a private in the American army of the Revolution. He was among his brothers who went to the "Lake Country," as it was then called, to live, after he had disposed of his farm here in 1801. (For children, see Sarah Neafie.) The marriages and the deaths of the rest of Colonel Dey's children are as follows:

1. Jane, d. February 25, 1789; m. April 7, 1770, Abraham Buskirk.
2. Hester or Esther, d. December 26, 1832; m. 1. Arant Schuyler, widower; license dated October 9, 1784. 2. August 11, 1792, Hendrick Post, widower.
5. Anna, d. January 7, 1774.
6. John, d. 1822 or 1823; m. before 1786, Phoebe Crane.
7. Peter, d. June 4, 1833; m. Eleanor Board. License dated May 9, 1786.
8. Benjamin, d. about 1821. Probably unmarried.
10. Theunis or Anthony, d. October 1, 1776.

Other descendants of Colonel Theunis Dey's children are, or were:

John H. Dey, of Pelham Manor, N. Y., for many years with Henry M. Field and *The New York Evangelist*; Rev. Anthony Schuyler, D. D., deceased, of Orange, N. J.; and Rev. Montgomery Schuyler, D. D., deceased, of St. Louis, Mo., both of these latter being Episcopalian clergymen.

The Generals and Colonels of the Revolutionary War known to have been in Preakness, and who were all of them, no doubt, at times, guests at the Dey House, were:

Generals: George Washington, Lord Sterling, M. de Lafayette, Nathaniel Greene, Henry Knox, Anthony Wayne, Robert Howe, Arthur St. Claire (Sinclair), John Glover, Jedediah Huntington, William Maxwell, Baron Steuben. Colonels: Alexander Hamilton, Tench Tilghman, John Stewart, Richard Butler, ——— Craig, Robert H. Harrison, William Jackson, Harry Lee, ——— Biddle, Richard Varick, William Colfax, Caleb Gibbs, ——— Moylan, and possibly Benedict Arnold and Aaron Burr.

It seems strange that Benson J. Lossing, who, in 1848-52, traveled throughout the United States and Canada, gathering facts for his Field Book of the Revolution, should have entirely omitted

to make any mention whatever, in that work, which is considered standard, of Preakness, Totowa, or Paramus.

In possession of the Berry family, of Lower Preakness, is a deed, dated December 20, 1801, the same year in which the sale of the Dey Homestead property was made, and the same year, too, in which the Preakness Church was organized, said deed being given by David Dey, (a son of the Colonel, and brother of the General and the doctor), and Sarah Neafie, his wife, of Saddle River, Bergen County, (this was Saddle River Township then, in Bergen County), to Henry Berry, of Pequannock, Morris County. This deed of Henry Berry's, here referred to, was for the northern part of the Colonel Theunis Dey property, consisting of 196 acres, and, until recently, all of it, with other property, was held by the Berry family. The homestead portion of the Dey property, however, has changed hands many times, and is at present, (1902), owned by Lawyer William H. Belcher, of Paterson, who has great pride in his new possession. The Dey name has entirely disappeared from Preakness, except for a solitary inscription on a crumbling tombstone in the family burying ground, back of the house, which states that here lies buried the body of Ann Dey, daughter of Theunis Dey and Hester Dey. She died January 7, 1774, in the eighteenth year of her age. Colonel Dey and his wife, General Richard Dey, Dr. Philip Dey, and other members of the family, are buried in the same burying ground; but no tombstones mark their resting-places.

After the Neafies, Martinus (Martyne) Hogencamp, the first of the name in Preakness, the father of William S. Hogencamp, Sheriff, etc., owned the Dey Homestead, purchasing it of the Neafies. (Deed dated April 10, 1813.) The Phoenix family, who lived on the Warren B. Mitchell place (1901), later also bought part of the old tract, probably of the Hogencamps. With this family, Rev. Edward B. Coe, D. D., LL.D., of New York City, was connected. Sidney Phoenix, the purchaser of the property, was an uncle of Dr. Coe's, Dr. Coe's mother being Mr. Phoenix's sister. Mr. Phoenix himself was a bachelor; but his parents, and hence Dr. Coe's grandparents, lived with him, and helped make up his home, which was one of comfort and cultivation. Dr. Coe, when a boy, whose father also was a minister, often visited and sometimes spent weeks, during vacation time in summer, with his uncle and grandparents, in Preakness, and is well remembered by many of the Preakness people of to-day. Dr. Coe's wife is a daughter

of the late Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., LL.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y. The last owner of the Dey Homestead, before Lawyer Belcher bought it in the winter of 1901-2, was C. L. Petry, who held it about ten years.

The various owners, not heretofore mentioned, of this place have been William S. Hogencamp, to whom it was devised by will of his father Martynes, dated November 29, 1832, proven June 2, 1853; Isaac Yeomans, deed from William S. Hogencamp and wife, dated March 4, 1861; Anthony Gillan, deed from Isaac Yeomans and wife, dated May 10, 1864; Sarah M. Tainter, wife of Horace B. Tainter, deed from Anthony Gillan and wife, dated September 2, 1865; Maria Millington, wife of Aaron Millington, deed from S. M. Tainter and husband, dated August 13, 1866; John M. Howe, deed from Maria Millington and husband, dated January 30, 1875; Henry Heeseman, deed from John M. Howe and wife, dated July 10, 1883; George C. Islieb, deed from Henry Heeseman and wife, dated March 21, 1889; Henry Heeseman, deed from Richard Rossiter, Sheriff, dated December 4, 1891; Ellen Petry, wife of C. L. Petry, deed from Henry Heeseman and wife, dated February 3, 1892; Henry Heeseman, deed from Ellen Petry and husband, dated September 11, 1901; William H. Belcher, deed from Henry Heeseman and wife, dated February 1, 1902.

The old Pachgannick Dirk or Derrick Dey homestead stood in Morris County, at the Two Bridges, a few rods west, or rather a little north of west, of the comfortable and well preserved stone house, of Flemish cottage architecture, at present (1900) owned and occupied by C. H. Post, who was born in 1820. When the old house was built, we do not know. Whether it was the first house that Derrick Dey lived in there, we do not know, but we hardly think it possible. Most likely the first house he lived in was a log house. The main part of the house we are speaking of was of stone. It was much wider than the present Flemish cottage, and had a frame kitchen attached to it, no doubt, considerably later. Derrick Dey died at the age of ninety-one, and was buried on the homestead farm, a short distance back of his buildings; although his grave is not marked by any tombstone or monument.

John Dey, the son of this Derrick, who married Jannetje Doremus, December 19, 1771, kept public house in the old Dey homestead; and the house may have been used as a tavern by his father. "Here, according to the testimony of eye witnesses, related to old men still living, (1899), Washington, Lafayette, and other

officers of the American Revolutionary Army were entertained upon occasion." (Rev. J. F. Folsom.) The Rev. Herman B. Stryker, father of the late Rev. Peter Stryker, D. D., of Asbury Park, for a part of his time at least, when pastor at Fairfield, 1823-6, boarded in this same house, then owned and occupied by Simeon Doremus. In 1846, or 1847, the house was burned, taking fire in the frame kitchen. (James M. Demarest.)

The comfortable and well preserved Flemish cottage in which C. H. Post now lives was built by his great grandfather, Thomas Dey, the brother of John Dey. Thomas Dey, the builder of this house, never spoke English. The house referred to was built in 1779, or 1797, it is uncertain which, as the iron figures taken from the front of the structure, when a new piazza was added to it many years ago, are a one, a nine, and two sevens. C. H. Post was born in this house.

Back of where the Thomas Dey house stands, in Revolutionary days, on the banks of the Pompton River, was a tannery, where shoes were made for the soldiers of Washington's army. Also muskrat and other furs were once used there for making hats by Jacob Van Wart's celebrated slow hand process,—the hair first being scraped from the skins,—which were then put through a tedious special treatment. (Rev. J. F. Folsom.) Jacob Van Wart March 7, 1795, married Sarah, daughter of John Dey, who married Jannetje Doremus, and lived in the house to the west of the Post or Thomas Dey house, on the banks of the Passaic. There was a store on the property, too, at one time, and quite a settlement about the Two Bridges. Until long after the Revolution, there was no bridge across the Passaic between Newark and the Two Bridges, which, because of the stream of travel over the Pompton and Newark Turnpike, accounts for this settlement.

Thomas Dey's wife, Abigail Lewis Dey (Aunt Abbey), lived to be ninety-six years old, and people yet survive (1899), who used to hear her say that she had seen Washington's army cross the Two Bridges. It is said likewise that the bridge across the Passaic broke down, when the heavy army baggage wagons on their way over, too many of them, were on it; but the only damage done to the army by an accident was that one of the horses was a little hurt. In 1810, during the greatest flood that was ever known in these parts, some one rowed in a boat through the kitchen hall of the house built by Thomas Dey.

The only tombstone with an inscription on it, in the old Der-

rick Dey burying ground, on the present C. H. Post farm at the Two Bridges, contains these words:

"In memory of Abigail, daughter of Simeon and Jane Doremus, who died June 30, 1816, aged eleven years, eleven months, and nine days." Abigail Doremus was the grandchild of Thomas and Abigail Lewis Dey.

December 4, 1723, Rip Van Dam, Sr., and Rip Van Dam, Jr., of New York, attorneys for the heirs of Thomas Hart, for £270, current money of New York, sold 600 acres of land, in Lower Preakness, to Georges Du Remos and Cornelius Kip. (Corwin Genealogy, 1872, p. 258.) The tract of land was thus described: "Beginning at the south end of the land of Mdm le Brockhuls, at a beech tree standing by the run; from thence west by north, twenty chains, to a stake there standing; from thence north  $7\frac{1}{2}$  degrees East, along the marked trees, to a stake there standing, ninety chains; thence west  $7\frac{1}{2}$  degrees north along David Danielson's line, as the trees are marked, to a white oak tree marked on four sides fifty-four chains; thence south, along packenack line, to a white oak tree marked on four sides near by the run, 112 chains; thence east five degrees south, along the Run twenty-one chains; thence north east by east, along the Run, thirty chains; thence north north east along the Run twenty-three chains, to the place where it first began, containing 600 acres, or thereabout, etc., etc."

The old deed for this tract is, or was, (1872), in Chicago, in possession of Nicholas Kipp. But we obtained our dimensions of the tract from an old unrecorded quit claim deed of Kip to Doremus, March 25, 1733, in the hands of William Roome, of Butler. We have also found, in Mr. Roome's hands, a release, given May 1, 1754, by Lewis Morris Ashfield, son and heir of Richard Ashfield, to Cornelius Kip and two sons of George Du Remus, in consideration of the payment of £60, as to an overplus of land in said original deed; since it was found, according to the large allowance customary in those days, that the tract indicated, instead of containing 600 acres, or thereabouts, really contained about 829 acres. This tract, as nearly as we can make out, was bounded on the southeast by Singac Brook, on the east by Singac Brook and land owned by Mdm le Brockhuls, on the north by Brockhuls land and David Danielson Hennion's land, (the line probably being somewhere across what is at present the C. D. Bensen farm, or between that and Garret Berdan's farm), and on the west by Pacquanac line.

The descendants of Joris or George Du Remos, as already in part noted, have ever since been represented in Preakness. He was the brother of the original Johannes, who settled on what is now the Aaron Laauwe farm, and the fourth or fifth son, or the fifth or sixth child of Cornelis, of Wesel. He married Marretie Berdan March 16, 1717. Georges Du Remos's will, dated at Preakness, March 25, 1733, witnessed by Johannes Doremus, Isaack Kip, and Cornelius Kip, was proved October 20, 1733.

Cornelius Kip, also mentioned in this deed, is no doubt the same as Cornelis Kip, whose name occurs in the deed of Henry Brockholst to the trustees of the old Dutch Church of Totowa, or Totua, in 1762. (Nelson's Hist. Old D. Ch. at Totowa, p. 36.)

The Kip family is a very old one in America. The first of the name, that we know anything about, was Roeloff de Kype, of Bretagne, France. He had a son, Roeloff de Kype, of Amsterdam, Holland. Roeloff, of Amsterdam, who dropped the prefix "de" from his name, had a son Hendrick, b. 1576, who, in 1635, came from Amsterdam, Holland, to New Amsterdam, in America. "In 1642, he received a tract of land on the north side of Bridge Street, in New Amsterdam, soon after which he returned to Holland, and died there. He had but one son, Hendrick." (Hist. of the Kip Family. 1890. By Rev. P. E. Kip.) This Hendrick Hendrickzsen Kype, (son of Hendrick), b. in 1600, with his wife, Margaret de Marniel, and five children, (three sons) came to America, prior to 1643, either with his father, in 1635, or later. He had three other children in America, one of them, Femmetje, bap. April 19, 1643. Hendrick Hendrickzsen Kype's trade was that of a tailor. He held various public positions in New Amsterdam, being one of the Nine Men coöperating with Governor Stuyvesant, in 1647-1649, and in 1650; a Schepen (Alderman), in 1656; a Great Burgher, in 1657. His children were:

1. Baetje, m. Jan W. \* \* \* One child; John, 1661.
2. Hendrick, b. about 1628.
3. Jacobus, (or James), b. May 15, 1631; m. February 14, 1654, Maria de la Montagne.
4. Tryntje, m. August 10, 1659, Abram Janssen. Here were four children: Tryntje, 1662; Maritje, 1664; Fammetje, 1671; John, 1673.
5. Isaac, who married twice.
6. Femmetje, bap. April 19, 1643.

7. Blandina, m. Jan Van Saza. Two children: John, b. 1661; Caros, (?), b. 1666.

8. Annatje, m. Simon Jacobson. One daughter, Margaret, b. 1676.

Jacobus and Isaac Kip had large families; but as we are not specially interested in them, we will not follow up their descendants. Jacobus's family went up the Hudson River, and Isaac's remained in New York City.

Hendrick Hendrickzen Kype, Jr., born about 1628, at Amsterdam, Holland, grandson of the first Hendrick, m. at New Amsterdam, (New York), February 29, 1660, Anna de Sill, daughter of Nicasius de Sill, who was a person high in official position in this country. For a time, this couple, as Hendrick himself already had for several years, lived at New Amstel, (New Castle), on the South, or Delaware River, in Delaware, where at least two of their sons, Nicasius and Petrus, were born. Their other children were: Cornelia, bap. June 12, 1661; Catharine, bap. November 9, 1664; and there may have been more. It was during this Hendrick's time, perhaps about 1650, that the name Kype was Anglicised to Kip. The positions Hendrick H. Kip held at New Amstel were: Great Burgher, 1657; One of the Council, 1659; Commissioner, 1660. His business was that of a brewer. He settled, with his family, at Pollify, near Hackensack, N. J., about 1690.

Nicasius Kip, (b. about 1660, d. in latter part of 1712), son of Hendrick H. Kip and Anna de Sill, m. at Bergen, December 20, 1691, Antje Breyant, (daughter of Pieter Cornelisse Breyandt and Hendricktje Arents), who was baptized at New York, September 10, 1671. Both Nicasius Kip and his wife were admitted to membership in the Hackensack Church September 22, 1694. Both were witnesses to a baptism October 4, 1712, soon after which Nicasius died; since on October 10, 1713, at Hackensack, his widow married Isaac Van Gysen, widower of Hillebond Kuyper. Nicasius Kip was elected deacon in the Hackensack Church April 16, 1695, and May 4, 1699, in each instance serving two years, his successor the first time being Jan Berdan May 2, 1697, and the second time David Demarest, May 21, 1701. In 1705, this Nicasius or Nicausie Kip, for £150, bought of Gerhard Lydekker, a tract of land at Pollify, and on that tract afterwards, as long as he lived, was his home. His children were:

1. Hendrick, b. about 1693.



2. Pieter, b. about 1695.
3. Isaac, b. February 4, 1697; bap. between February and April, 1697.
4. Cornelis, b. December, 1699; bap. January 1, 1700.
5. Jacob, bap. December 14, 1702.
6. Annatie, bap. January 3, 1706.
7. Catarina, bap. September 12, 1708.
8. Elizabeth, bap. March 11, 1711. All the baptisms here mentioned occurred at Hackensack.

These eight children married as follows:

1. Hendrick, m. July 24, 1714, Geertruy Van Dien, b. about 1697. Both admitted to church membership at Hackensack, April 2, 1715.
2. Pieter, m. March 5, 1720, Elsie Van der Beek, bap. December 29, 1700, at New York. Both admitted to church membership at Hackensack April 1, 1721.
3. Isaac, m. March 30, (or, as Corwin says, April 21), 1723, Willemtee Berdan, bap. June 5, 1703. He was admitted to church membership at Hackensack September 27, 1728; she, April 1, 1721. He died September 21, 1771; she, June 29, 1772.
4. Cornelis, m. September 17, 1720, Eva Berdan. He was admitted to church membership at Hackensack September 27, 1728. She, October 12, 1717.
5. Jacob, m. April 6, 1728, Helena Berdan. Both received into church membership at Hackensack February 18, 1731.
6. Annatie, m. September 2, 1726, Lucas Albertse Van Voorhees, bap. February 26, 1699. She was admitted to church membership at Hackensack October, 1723.
7. Catarina, m. October 15, 1727, Dirk Terhune, bap. July 26, 1702. Both admitted to church membership September 27, 1728.
8. Elizabeth, m. November 19, 1731, Hendrick Brinkerhoff, bap. November 9, 1710. Corwin says, Jan Hopper. This was probably a second marriage.

The three Berdan women who married the Kip brothers were sisters. (See Berdan notes). The fourth of these children, Cornelius, who married Eva Berdan, was the first Kip or Kipp, so far as we know, who was connected with Preakness, and he is the one who began to spell his name with two p's. As we have seen, this is the man who was partner with George Du Remos, his brother-in-

law, in the purchase of the 600-acre tract in Lower Preakness, already described.

Cornelius Kipp, of Lower Preakness, so far as we know, had four children, and apparently, but one son.

1. Nicholas, b. September 15, 1726, who died December 3, 1808; m. February 14, 1757, Leah Mandeville, of Pompton Plains. This Nicholas, also called Nicausey, was evidently the elder, who, at the age of seventy-five years, took his seat in Classis, as the first representative of this church in that capacity, after its organization, in 1801.

2. Mary, bap. October 23, 1726. Nicholas and Mary were twins.

3. Willemyntje, bap. July 18, 1731.

4. Lena, bap. May 30, 1736; m. Jacob Van Houten.

Nicholas Kipp, who married Leah Mandeville, had children as follows:

1. Eva, who married, (1) Boice, (2) Van Houten. The Boice children went to Nova Scotia; the Van Houten children, to Sussex County, N. J.

2. Henry, m. (1) Catrina Doremus. (2) Sarah Doremus.

3. Cornelius, b. June 18, 1762; d. May 3, 1840; m. (1) Christina Demarest, April 13, 1783; b. February 28, 1762; d. February 20, 1822. (2) Ann Concklin, widow, formerly Ann Bell, December 18, 1822; b. May 5, 1766.

4. Nicholas, b. July 25, 1780; d. January 2, 1856; m. Hester Johnson, who died May 22, 1859, aged 73. She was the daughter of John Johnson and Mary Cooper.

5. Annie, m. (1) John Vader. (2) David Hennion.

6. Catharine, m. Tunis Hennion, known as "Big Tune Hennion."

7. Elizabeth, m. Edward Jones, who lived on the Black Oak Ridge Road.

8. Mary, m. Garret Haulenbeck, M. D., who is buried at Pompton.

9. Leah, b. February 5, 1777, d. November 21, 1851.

Cornelius Kipp, b. June 18, 1762, had by his first wife, five children:

1. John, b. May 26, 1788; d. March 11, 1842; m. Jane Van Winkle December 22, 1811. Children.

2. Leah, b. December 3, 1790; d. June 3, 1859; m. David Quackenbush, M. D., March 7, 1806. Children.

3 and 4. Margaret and Rachel, twins, b. March 15, 1795. Margaret d. 1865; m. Garret J. Hopper November 9, 1817. Children. Rachel, d. February 23, 1859; m. Martin H. Berry. She had children:

- (1) Henry K., m. Maria Stagg.
- (2) Christina Ann.
- (3) Cornelius.

5. Nicholas, b. November 7, 1800; m. (1) Sophia Berry. (2) Jane Bannegan. This Nicholas, before 1870, removed to Chicago, Ill., and was the last, or the last but one, (who has since gone), of the name in Preakness, or Wayne Township. The original Kip or Kipp homestead, in Preakness, was probably on the property, and most likely on the very site of the buildings in Lower Preakness, now (1902) owned by Isaac W. Blain. This Nicholas Kipp died May 31, 1872.

Leah Kipp, the ninth child of Nicholas Kipp and Leah Mandeville, married three times:

(1) John Van Riper, March 18, 1792. He died March 30, 1806.

(2) Christian Shurte, or Shuart, July 2, 1808, who was born at Paramus July, 1771.

(3) Jasper Dodd, May 9, 1829. Leah Kipp, through her second husband, Christian Shurte, or Shuart, of whom also she was the second wife, had children:

1. Mary Ann, who married, Edward C. Corwin.
2. Margaret, b. July 28, 1811; m. John Ludlum.
3. Elizabeth Jones, b. July 10, 1813; m. Isaac Vanderhoff, February 20, 1831.
4. William, b. June 7, 1815; d. March 23, 1850; m. (1) Victoria Francisco. (2) Elizabeth Travers.
5. Leah, b. March 31, 1819; d. November 16, 1847; m. (1) Samuel Haviland. (2) Thomas Walker.

The oldest of these children, Mary Ann, who married Edward C. Corwin, was the mother of the Rev. Edward Tanjore Corwin, D. D., of our Reformed Church, and the author of "The Corwin Genealogy," "The Manual of the Reformed Church in America," which has passed through several editions, and other works; and who, for many years has been engaged in historical work in connection with the Reformed Church, and has been recently engaged

under the direction of the Legislature of the State of New York, in editing "The Amsterdam Correspondence."

It should be noted here that Nicholas Kipp, who married Hester Johnson, after living for a while in Newark, N. J., removed, about the year 1814, to Ontario County, N. Y. Their oldest child, Nicholas, of Geneva, N. Y., b. 1809, married Mary Freshour, whose youngest child, Mary Esther, married the Rev. E. T. Corwin. So that Doctor and Mrs. Corwin are both descended from the Preakness Kipps.

Christian Shuart, or Shurte, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Corwin, was drowned, March 22, 1824, (Corwin Genealogy, p. 49), by falling from the Main Street bridge, in Paterson, into the Passaic River. He was at work probably as contractor. The original Dutch for Shuart, Shurte, etc., was "Sjoert." It is of Scandinavian origin, and is simply the Christian name "George."

The Merselis family is another very old one in the county and township. The first of the family in this country was Peter Marselis, (instead of Merselis), who, May 9, 1661, sailed from Amsterdam, Holland, in the ship Beaver, (or Bever), and arrived at New Amsterdam, Manhattan Island, July 29, that same year. He settled, with his wife, four children, and two servants, in Bergen, (James Riker's Harlem, p. 107), where his wife died August 1, 1680. He died September 4, 1682. On August 20, 1682, he conveyed property to his son-in-law, Helmigh Roeloff Van Houten. (Proceedings of N. J. Historical Soc. Vol. I., No. 1, 3rd Series, 1896,—Printed at Paterson, 1899). Riker says Peter Marselis was from Leerdam, or near there, in Holland. John Neafie says he might have been born in Leerdam, but when he came to America, he was from the village of Beest, near the town of Buren, in the province of Gelderland, where (i. e. at Beest), at least three of his children were born; while Riker also notes that he is "said to have been *Van Beest*," in other words, "from Beest."

Peter Marselis's four children, when he arrived in this country, were aged respectively thirteen, six, four, and two years. The name and sex of the first one we do not know. The second was called Marcelis, always known as Marcelis Pieterse, and in him alone of the four are we specially interested, as the ancestor of the Preakness family. The third was Jannetje Pieterse, who, September 3, 1676, married Roelof Helmigse Van Houten.

The fourth was Neesje Pieterse, who, May 11, 1681, married Gerrit Gerritson, Jr., who held property in Preakness.

Marcelis, or Marselis, Pieterse, the ancestor of the Preakness Merselises, died October 23, 1747, aged 91, and was buried at Bergen. He married May 12, 1681, Pieterje Van Vorst, daughter of Ide Van Vorst and Hieletje (Hulda) Jans, who was baptized November 9, 1659, and died September 3, 1744. They had at least eight children:

1. Elizabeth, bap. April 18, 1682; m. April 21, 1701, Adriaen Post, Jr.
2. Hillegontje, b. September 27, 1684; m. May 30, 1707, Harpert Garrabrant.
3. Pieter, (the one in whom we are interested), bap. July 17, 1687; m. December 31, 1717, Jenneke Prior, bap. at Bergen, February 24, 1699.
4. Ide, bap. September 15, 1690; m. (1) April 25, 1713, Marietie Cornelise Cadmus; (2) Ariaentje Bras, (we haven't the date), bap. at Hackensack November 15, 1696.
5. Annetje, b. March 24, bap. April 10, 1694.
6. Catreyna, b. November 17 or 18, bap. December 6, 1696.
7. Leena, b. August 11, bap. August 27, 1699; m. before 1731, Dirck Van Giesen. They lived in the old stone house still standing (1902) on Totowa avenue, Paterson.
8. Jannetje, b. about 1701; m. November 26, 1717, Johannes Van Zolingen.

Peter, or Pieter Merselis, the third son of Marcelis or Marselis Pieterse Marselis, who married Jenneke Prior, had, it is believed, fifteen children. He died April 1, 1770. His wife died October 3, 1779. Their children were:

1. Merselis, b. September 7, 1718; d. October 28, 1800; m. before 1754, Elizabeth Vlierboom, b. October 5, 1730, d. February 11, 1823.
2. We know nothing about.
3. A daughter, who died October 29, buried November 1, 1730, at Bergen.
4. Pieter, bap. April 15, 1723, at Bergen; m. in New York, May 5, 1750, Hannah Elsworth.
5. Andries, b. February 14, 1725; bap. at Bergen.
6. John, b. about 1727; m. August 30, 1755, in New York, Beletje Van Wagonen.
7. Edo, (in the line which interests us), b. January 27, 1729; d. October 12, 1799, aged seventy years, eight months, and fifteen days, as per tombstone back of church, (Preakness).

8. Infant, newly born; d. October 23, 1731.

9. Name unknown, b. October 15, 1732.

10. Antje, bap. March 4, 1735.

11. Johanna, b. January 17, 1737.

The last three were baptized at Bergen.

12. Jenneke, b. October 26, 1740, bap. at Hackensack January 4, 1741; m. Gerrit Sip.

Other supposed children were Rachel, Mary, and Elizabeth. Edo, the seventh child of Peter and Jenneke Merselis, to whom we are indebted for the acre of ground on which this church and old burying ground are, m. April 11, 1754, Ariaentje Sip, daughter of Ide Sip and Antje Van Wagonen. She was born May 30, 1732, was baptized at Bergen June 2, 1733, and died in Preakness May 20, 1813.

Nine children of this union are named in the father's will, proved in 1800, at Trenton. Others probably died in infancy:

1. Antje, b. March 28, 1755; d. April 19, 1805; m. before 1776, Simeon Van Winkle, b. April 4, 1752, d. December 23, 1814.

2. Jannetje, b. about 1757; m. (1) before 1776, Adrian Van Houten; (2) before 1780, Enoch J. Vreeland.

3. Pieter, b. May 24, 1759; bap. at Bergen; d. May 4, 1827; m. before 1787, Jannetje Van Winkle, who died October 4, 1844.

4. Edo, b. about 1761; m. about 1786, Lena Van Houten, b. November 24, 1761; d. July 15, 1821.

5. Cornelius, b. March 14, 1763; d. October 21, 1840; m. before 1790, Maria Post, b. August 29, 1765, d. November 15, 1841.

We know of only five children:

(1) Arriaentje (Harriet), b. October 16, 1790.

(2) Cathriena, b. September 28, 1792.

(3) Edo C., b. March 18, 1795; d. November 2, 1834.

(4) Antje, b. October 4, 1798.

Probably the youngest, but not likely the (5th) Peter C., b. 1814 or 1815, d. August 30, 1891, aged 76.

6. John, b. September 9, 1764; d. September 7, 1841; m. February 13, 1790, at Acquackanonk, Jannetje Van Riper, d. January 3, 1856, aged eighty-four years, one month.

We know of only three children:

(1) Claasje, b. December, 1790.

(2) Arreyaentje, b. August 2, 1797.

(3) Edo, b. March 30, 1800; d. July 13, 1813.

7. Catlyntje, b. about 1770; d. July 26, 1818; m. June 23, 1792, Isaac Van Saun, of Lower Preakness.

8. Arreyantje, m. about 1797, John Parke.

9. Gerrit, b. October 1, 1777; d. April 2, 1843; m. May 3, 1799, Lena De Gray, b. December 10, 1780; d. April 20, 1848.

Here were seven children:

(1) Marea, b. March 17, 1801; d. July 12, 1823.

(2) Jane, b. 1803; d. November 20, 1832.

(3) Edo, b. 1805; d. January 18, 1832.

(4) John D., b. February 11, 1809; d. February 21, 1877.

(5) Ann, b. —; d. —.

(6) Peter G., b. 1815; d. August 30, 1891.

(7) Ellen, b. 1818; d. September 3, 1820.

Edo, or Ide, the fourth child of Marcellis Pieterse, and uncle of our Preakness Edo, b. 1729, went to the Raritan; and his descendants are located in Somerset, Warren, and Hunterdon counties. Edo Merselis and his wife Ariaentje, of Preakness, were rather closely related. The father of Edo, Peter, and Ariaentje's father, Ido Sip, were first cousins, their mothers, Pieterje and Johanna Van Vorst, being sisters.

Note.—These facts in regard to the Merselis family were almost all furnished the author by John Neafie, of New York. Mr. Neafie himself is connected with the Merselises. Johannes Nefie, born on Staten Island in 1688, married in 1710, at Bergen, Antje, daughter of Neesje Merselis and Gerret Gerretson, Jr. John Neafie is in the ninth generation from this Johannes Nefie. (Neafie Genealogy Nos. 1010, 334, 1018, 1012, 1022, 381, 1013, 1776, 1122.)

Edo Merselis, who married Ariantje Sip, as we have noted, was the first Merselis who came to what is now Wayne Township, where he located on a farm at present broken up into several, only one of which, and this the original homestead, is still (1901) occupied by his descendants. Of the children of this Edo, Cornelius settled on what is now the Cahill farm; John, on the Anderson farm back of it; Garret remained on the homestead; and Catharine married Isaac Van Saun. These at any rate remained in Preakness. Edo Merselis, Jr., located and built the old stone house, across the Passaic, near the opposite end of the new bridge at the entrance to Laurel Grove Cemetery above Paterson. John was the grandfather of the present John G. Merselis, who for many years, until the spring of 1900, owned and lived on the farm

north of the church and west of the Upper Preakness school-house. And Garret, who married Ellen or Lena De Gray, was the father of the late Peter G., who was the father of the present Gilbert F., who lives on the homestead; Iddo, who lives in Paterson; and William S., who died young.

Edo Merselis, Sr., appears to have been in Preakness as early as 1759, (we do not know how much earlier), for on November 10, 1759, Robert Hunter Morris, of Monmouth County, sold him 69 34-100 acres of land somewhere in this neighborhood. Also not long after, Theunis Hennion and John Berdan sold him some, the latter March 22, 1769, about 210 acres. He was Freeholder for Bergen county from 1763 to 1784. He was also one of the Deputies to the Provincial Congress of New Jersey, from Bergen County, and attended the sessions of May, June, and August, 1775. As an Elder in the old Dutch Church at Totowa, he attended the General Meeting of Ministers and Elders of the Reformed Churches in 1783, at New Paltz, N. Y., and likewise in 1784, at New York. He was never an Elder in the Preakness Church because he died before the congregation was organized. But different ones of the Merselis family have served and are still serving in various official capacities in this Church. The portraits, in oil, of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Merselis, Esq., can be seen at the house of Charles Haight, of Mountain View, Mrs. Haight being a descendant of theirs. Mindert Maybe bought the farm owned by Edo's son John, at present the Anderson farm, and afterwards his son-in-law, Garret P. Haring, lived with him in another part of the house. Albert Voorhees, of Upper Preakness, who married Mary Schuyler, a granddaughter of Esquire Merselis, bought, around 1860, of his father-in-law, about sixty acres east of the homestead, and built on the spot where the present house known as the Meeks—Nelson—Meisterman—Von Wayhe—Hatt house stands, now occupied by William Gavin Scott and family, who came from Paterson in the spring of 1902. Mr. Meeks bought the place of Albert B. Voorhees, and in the neighborhood of 1870, rebuilt the house as it still is in these days.

The Van Ripper family is an old one in Preakness, first represented by Richard, or Derrick, or Dirk, who married Elizabeth Mead May 23, 1762, and who about that time settled, and afterwards lived and died on what for generations was known as the old Van Ripper place, in Upper Preakness, at present owned by George Roat. On this place, which lies in from the main road, about a



mile to the right from the old Hamburg Turnpike, at Mrs. Andrew H. Van Riper's, or about as far across the flats to the left, from the Andrew P. Hopper place, on Berdan avenue, (the road from Upper Preakness to Oakland, Bergen County), in olden times, there used to be a grist mill, saw mill, cider mill, distillery, blacksmith shop, and slaves; — but for that matter there were slaves in those days, on nearly all the Preakness farms, so to speak. After the death of the late Andrew Van Riper, born April 15, 1809, a grandson of the original owner, and who, in his day, served as Deacon, and afterwards as Elder in this Church, the place went out of the possession of the family, and has since had several owners. It has been known in later years as the Briggs place, because A. T. Briggs, the father of the Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D. D., of Union Theological Seminary, in New York City, once owned it, and, only a few years ago, after a long and tedious illness, died there. The late Elder Uriah J. Van Riper, father of Mrs. A. P. Hopper, and of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Post, of Lower Preakness, was a descendant by one son, Uriah, who settled on land, in these days, (1901), owned by the Andrew P. Hopper estate; and the late Andrew H. Van Riper, son of Andrew, (the Elder), *was* a descendant, and his widow, a daughter (Rachel) of Peter Perrine, *is* a descendant by another son, Richard, of this same first Richard. The A. P. Hopper farm has been in possession of the Van Riper family, through Mrs. Hopper, ever since Uriah, son of the original Richard, settled on it. The house on the Hopper property is an old-fashioned, long, one and one-half story stone structure, with five lower rooms, (including a frame addition), along the front of it, and was often described by Mr. Hopper as a five-story house on the ground floor.

The late Esquire William Oakley Roat married a granddaughter, (Margaret), of the first Richard Van Riper, who married Elizabeth Mead, and hence his descendants also belong to the family.

The genealogy of the Van Riper family, of Preakness, is in part as follows:

The first Derrick or Dirk Van Riper, or van Reypen, was born in Holland June 9, 1734, and died in Preakness April 24, 1807. He married Elizabeth Mead May 23, 1762, who was born May 26, 1739. They had children:

1. Uriah, b. March 26, 1763; d. June 10, 1840; m. February 12, 1786, Mary (Polly) Berdan.

2. Jacob, b. January 2, 1765.
3. John, b. August 30, 1766.
4. Henry, b. December 28, 1767; d. October 5, 1792.
5. Garret (1), b. July 30, 1769; d. September 1, 1770.
6. Garret (2), b. Nov. 28, 1771; d. June 2, 1794.
7. Mary, b. July 14, 1775; married a man named Lydeker, and lived at Oakland. She died May 1, 1807.
8. Richard, b. March 4, 1777; m. Elizabeth Van Orden.
9. Margaret, b. March 7, 1779.
10. Elizabeth, b. April 10, 1782.

We are concerned particularly with only two of these children, Uriah and Richard.

1. The first Uriah Van Riper, sometimes written Uriah R., eldest son and child of Richard the first, or Derrick, married Polly Berdan, (b. October 4, 1768, d. July 23, 1832), daughter of Jacob Berdan, (b. March 28, 1746), of Upper Preakness, and settled, as we have noted, on the farm occupied by the Andrew P. Hopper family, which originally was Berdan territory. They had children, Jacob B., and Elizabeth. Jacob B., (b. January 3, 1789), son of Uriah, married, December 8, 1810, Mary Van Riper, (b. December 11, 1789), of Belleville, N. J. His sister Elizabeth married Peter De Witt, son of the Rev. P. De Witt, of Ponds. Jacob B. and Mary Van Riper's children were:

- (1) Uriah J., b. September 27, 1812; d. February 19, 1879; m. Anna Banta.
- (2) Leah Ann, (1), b. June 16, 1816; d. September 7, 1821.
- (3) Leah Ann, (2), b. March 25, 1831; m. November 19, 1846, Cornelius Kip.
- (4) Mary Elizabeth, b. June 16, 1834; m. October 31, 1855, Nicholas Jarolomon.

Uriah J. Van Riper, son of Jacob B., and grandson of Uriah R., was the father of Mary Anna, Mrs. Andrew P. Hopper, and of Sarah Elizabeth, Mrs. C. H. Post, of Lower Preakness, who, for several years before her marriage, was our church organist. There were three older children, sons, who died young. Mr. Hopper was a native of Bergen County, and came from a family of sheriffs, his father and one brother having served in that county as sheriffs, and one brother has been sheriff also in Passaic County.

2. The first Derrick Van Riper's son, Derrick, or Richard, his eighth child and seventh son, and who died January 22, 1841, married (we do not know the date) Elizabeth Van Orden, who was

born March 11, 1777, and who died October 30, 1828. They had children:

1. Richard, b. July 22, 1802; died young.
2. Martha, b. October 21, 1804; d. July 4, 1862.
3. Elizabeth, b. December 13, 1806; d. —.
4. Andrew, b. April 15, 1809; d. May 23, 1881.
5. Richard, b. October 21, 1810; died young.
6. A female child, b. February 7, 1812; d. February 16, 1812.
7. Jane, b. January 14, 1813; m. Moses Roat.
8. Margaret, b. July 7, 1817; d. April 27, 1871.

Martha Van Riper, the second of these children, June 25, 1831, married Peter Perrine, who was born March 20, 1801, and died November 12, 1870. They were the parents of Rachel, Mrs. Andrew H. Van Riper, of Preakness, and of Catharine, the first Mrs. Gerrit Planten, of Paterson. There were two other children, Elizabeth, the eldest, and Richard Van Riper Perrine, the youngest, who was a Lieutenant in the Union Army during the War of the Rebellion, and who died at Hilton Head, S. C., of typhoid fever. (See Tombstone Inscriptions.)

Elizabeth Van Riper, the third child, and second daughter of Richard the second, married Thomas Blake. We are not interested in them.

The fourth child, Andrew, we are interested in. He married March 28, 1832, Bridget Hennion, and in his day served first as Deacon, and then as Elder in this Church. His children were:

1. Richard, b. March 19, 1834; lives at Haledon.
2. Andrew H., b. December 25, 1835; d. September 17, 1882; m. January 20, 1857, Rachel Perrine, second daughter of his Aunt Martha.
3. Elizabeth Jane, b. November 25, 1837; m. May 18, 1861, Martin J. Myers, and lives in Pascack, N. J.
4. Sarah Matilda, b. September 9, 1839.
5. Martin Raymond, b. May 5, 1845; m. Margaret Andrus.
6. Thomas Henry, b. August 14, 1846; d. August 8, 1867.
7. John Henry, b. October 10, 1850; m. May 28, 1873, Emily Roome, of Pompton Plains, and was killed at Erie R. R. crossing on Straight street, in Paterson, May 23, 1893, leaving three children, Percy Roome, Arthur E., and Mortimer Leslie.

The children of Andrew H., son of Andrew Van Riper, are Martha Elizabeth, Peter Perrine, Garret Planten, Catharine Plan-

ten, Richard Perrine, dec'd, Margaret Andrus, Annie Planten, and Bertha Jane.

Jane Van Riper, seventh child of the second Derrick, married December 3, 1834, Moses Roat. She died December 12, 1895. Moses Roat, by a former marriage, was the father of William Oakley Roat, Esqr.

Margaret Van Riper, eighth and last child of the second Derrick Van Riper, m. December 1, 1841, William Oakley Roat, afterwards for many years, until his death, Justice of the Peace, whose father therefore was also his brother-in-law. The children of this union were and are Richard, Andrew, Elizabeth, Henry, Nelson, Charity, Ira, Charles, and George.

When Samuel Van Saen bought of C. H. Doremus, in 1769, what is now the Aaron Laauwe farm, and other land, he appears to have come to Lower Preakness to live. Shortly after his settlement here he built a new house, identical with the old part of the house in which Mr. Laauwe at present (1902) lives, and on the very spot, as Mrs. Ann (Hopper) Jacobus, (d. January 28, 1902), has told us, where the house before it had stood; and this house at the time Washington was at the Dey House, in Revolutionary days, was the headquarters of Gen. M. de Lafayette,—a fact established not only by tradition,—Samuel Demarest, of Paterson, a grandson and namesake of the said Samuel Van Saen, being our authority,—but because the initial letters "M. de L." are also scratched with a diamond, not by the General himself, since they are not in his handwriting, but by some one else, either at that time, or in 1825, on two of the window panes in the sashes of different windows in the old front room, sashes which were removed in 1900, to give place to new ones, although the old ones are laid away in the attic of the house for preservation. It is said that Lafayette twice occupied this house as the guest of Samuel Van Saen, probably to correspond to the times when Washington was at the Dey House; and that in 1825, when he was again in this country, he visited the old scenes in Preakness, and was once more in his former headquarters. We have it from Mr. Nelson, however, that the General, in 1825, simply drove by on the public road, and did not alight from his carriage at this place. Mr. John Neafie, of New York, thinks that the initials on the window panes above referred to could not have been put there as early as 1780, since the sashes are not old enough style for that date, and whoever inscribed them must have done so not earlier than in 1825. But, we ask, could not the old panes have been put later in new sashes?



THE SAMUEL VAN SAEN HOUSE (LAFAYETTE'S HEADQUARTERS  
IN 1780), MODERNIZED.

This old one-story, or one-and-a-half-story house, built of ordinary field stone, laid up in straw mortar, or clay and straw, and fronting south, since its erection, in 1770, has undergone many changes. Originally there was a low stone kitchen on the east end, when evidently the west room of the house, now used as a sitting room, was the best room. Some years ago this old east end kitchen was removed, and a new frame kitchen was put on the west end of the house; and the best room now is the east room. At some time beyond the recollection or knowledge of any one living, most likely early in the last century, or probably yet in the eighteenth century, this house was made considerably deeper, several feet being added on the back, the whole length of the main part of the building. The cellar or foundation walls and arched fireplaces are massive. All the beams are of heavy timber. These in all the rooms until recently were left exposed; but except in one room, which is left as it was, they are now all covered up, which was done by the present owner. Everything in this old structure has been put there to stay, so far as the ravages of time may affect them. The windows with heavy sashes, small panes and deep re-

cesses and sills were left, until 1900, as they were. But now new sashes, with large panes, have replaced the others, and outside blinds have been added. In 1875, or earlier, the roof of this old house was raised and made very steep, with dormer windows, as you see in the picture. The double or half doors also have been made to give way in the front hall to a modern single door. There was, as we believe, no piazza in front until of late years.

Samuel Van Saen's daughter, Hannah, the second of the name, (the first having died early), married David D. Demarest, who, through his wife, succeeded his father-in-law, as resident and proprietor of the old place. David D. Demarest was the father of Samuel Demarest, of Paterson, and also of David Demarest, Jr., who lived on the Albert Bensen, Jr., farm of this day (1902). Samuel Demarest, and his mother, (b. June 9, 1779), he says, were both born in this house. At one time, there were two mills, a saw mill and a grist mill, near the house on this farm.

The first Van Saen in this country, who spelled his name, Van Zauen, was Jacob. He came from Ransdorph, near Amsterdam, in Holland, we do not know just when. But, on August 18, 1678, in New York City, he married Jannetje Lucas, who was born in New York, and was baptized October 17, 1657. This couple had a son Jacob, baptized in New York, April 7, 1684, who, on August 25, 1705, at Hackensack, N. J., married Rachel Bougaert (Bogert). They had a son Isaac, baptized May 5, 1717, at Hackensack. Isaac married Maria, or Marytje Demarest, at Hackensack, September 20, 1739. These were the parents of the Preakness Samuel Van Saen.

Samuel Van Saen, or Van Saun, of Preakness, was born December 25, 1743, and was baptized the next day, the 26th. On July 25, 1765, he married Leah Zabriskie, daughter of Albert Zabriskie, and Annetje Kip. Leah Zabriskie, the twin sister of Rachel Zabriskie, was baptized July 15, 1744. Her baptism and marriage occurred at Schraalenburgh. She died March 8, 1796. Her husband, Samuel Van Saun, died April 5, 1809.

The children of Samuel and Leah Van Saun were:

1. Isaac, b. August 16, bap. September 7, 1766, at Schraalenburgh.
2. Albert, b. June 8, bap. 25th, 1769.
3. Maria, (Mary on tombstone), b. August 31, 1771, (the first of their children born in Preakness).
4. Annaetje, (Hannah), (1), b. August 15, bap. October 1,

1775, at Totowa; d. October 4, 1775, (inscription on tombstone in old Kip burying ground, A. N. V. S.).

5. John, b. September 1, bap. 22nd, 1776, at Totowa; married and afterwards lived on Pompton Plains; died there September 28, 1831. Wife's name Rachel Van Gelder.

6. Annaetje, (Hannah), (2), b. June 9, bap. July 4, 1779, at Totowa. This was Samuel Demarest's mother, who married David D. Demarest.

7. Rachel, b. November 6, bap. November 12, 1786.

Isaac Van Saun, oldest son and child of Samuel Van Saun, June 23, 1792, married Catharine Merselis, born about 1770. Both father and son, at different periods, were Elders in the Preakness Church. Their remains lie in the old Kip burying ground, as it is called, in Lower Preakness, just south of where they lived and died. Isaac Van Saun, known as Major Van Saun, because he had been a major in the State Militia, was also the first man we can hear of, who served as sexton and chorister in this Church, these two positions in those days, and for years thereafter, going together. He was likewise the last, and probably the first and only *voorlaeser* this Church ever had, a position which he filled, it is said, until his death. His children were:

1. Samuel, b. January 6, bap. February 3, 1793; d. February 2, 1843; m. Ellen Banta. Children.

2. Jenneke, b. September 23, bap. October 12, 1794; m. Christopher Van Riper. No children.

3. Leyeu, b. February 17, bap. March 12, 1797; d. November 17, 1832; m. Abram Van Winkle. Children.

4. Arreyeuntje, b. November 19, bap. December 16, 1798; m. Cornelius Van Wagoner. Four children.

5. Marea, b. February 11, bap. March 8, 1801; m. Henry Yereance. No children.

6. Edo, b. June 27, 1804; d. June 21, 1882; m. Hannah Blauvelt, b. July 31, 1810; d. January 7, 1848. Children, three daughters and one son:

(1) Rachel Ann, m. Ira Ryerson.

(2) Caroline, d. September 5, 1902; m. John Quackenbush.

(3) Maria Elizabeth, m. Jacob R. Berdan, of Lower Preakness.

(4) John Blauvelt, m. Adeline Jacobus, of Montville.

7. Ann, m. Garret Blauvelt, brother of Rev. C. J. Blauvelt, (b. 1813).

8. John, b. 1807; d. March 24, 1833; m. Mary Ann Doremus, b September 1, 1806, d. September 20, 1898, daughter of John G. Doremus.

Mrs. Jacob R. Berdan (Maria Elizabeth Van Saun) is therefore the granddaughter of Isaac, and the great-granddaughter of Samuel Van Saun, the first Van Saun who came to Preakness.

In 1808, Isaac Van Saun built the old stone house yet standing on the lower part of the Preakness Race Course property. Back of this house, a little northeast of where the present horse barn is situated, once stood a much older stone house, the ruins of which have almost entirely disappeared; but whose house it was, or who occupied it, we have, up to our writing, no means of knowing. The house was almost positively located on the 600 acre tract, acquired in 1723, by George Du Remos and Cornelis Kip, the said Du Remos being a younger brother of Johannes De Riemer. Isaac Van Saun may have lived for a little while in this house before he built the house that now stands on the property. Albert Van Saun, younger brother of Isaac, January 19, 1794, married Jane Van Houten. He left Preakness and removed to Totowa, where he died in 1837. Maria, a sister, was the first wife of Richard Neafie, of Two Bridges, who lived in the house at the Essex County end of the farther bridge, and was the great-grandmother of John Neafie, of New York, one of the authors of the Neafie Genealogy. She died January 20, 1792. John married Rachel Van Gelder, and went to Pompton Plains to live, where also he died. His son, Esquire Ewout Van Gelder Van Saun, died at Pompton Plains March 26, 1897, in his ninety-second year, and was a noted character. Hannah, the second, as we have seen, married April 16, 1797, at Acquackanonk, D. D. Demarest, who afterwards lived on the Laauwe place, previously his father-in-law's, Samuel Van Saun's, residence. She died May 3, 1838. Peter Quackenbush, who married one of Mr. Demarest's daughters, also lived there later. He was the father of David Quackenbush, hardware merchant, recently deceased, of Paterson, and of Peter Quackenbush, of Quackenbush & Co., whose large department store is one of the attractions of our neighboring city. Rachel married Jeremiah Ryerson, whose names are the first we have on our membership roll, among those rendered to Rev. J. A. Staats, in 1843, there being no record of Church memberships to be found here at that time. Rachel died March 16, 1867.

In Revolutionary days, a fine, large, double, double-pitched or gambrel-roofed, stone house stood on, or about on, the site of the



house on what has since been known as the John Campbell place, at present owned by the Cassidy Brothers. This property was then owned by a Mr. Haring, and Washington is said to have made it, in 1780, his headquarters for about three weeks; also that a portion of the American army was encamped for a while east of the woods south of this house, on what is now the Garret Berdan, and perhaps the C. D. Bensen farms. On this ground, for many years, when being plowed, silver buttons, and buckles, and copper coins, of fitting dates, have frequently been picked up. West of the Campbell house is a large rock still called Washington's rock, from which he is reported to have addressed his soldiers. We cannot, however, reconcile all these statements with what is known of Washington's whereabouts. The probability is that while what is otherwise said may be true, this house of Mr. Haring was not Washington's headquarters, but only a house in which he was entertained more or less while stopping at the Dey House in Lower Preakness. The original entrance to this place was by a private road running due west to the house from the road to Lower Preakness; and there are those yet living, (1899); who remember a large swing gate at that entrance, a little below where the parsonage stands, and not far north of the house of Albert Bensen, Sr. The old house, after Mr. Haring's time, was altered and fixed over by a Mr. Dey, no doubt either General Richard Dey, or his son, Pierson, the latter of whom once lived there. After this, Peter A. Voorhees, whose wife was a half sister of the first Garret Berdan, and who gave to the Church half the parsonage lot, (Mr. Berdan giving the other half), owned the property a great many years, having bought it of the Deys April 5, 1812. After Mr. Voorhees, a Mr. Westervelt owned it. David Tomkins, of New York, who, with his family, when here, was a great help to Preakness Church, bought the farm of Westervelt, and came to Preakness to live May 9, 1848, remaining until 1862, when he went to Dover, N. J. On July 4, 1849, the year after Mr. Tomkins moved to Preakness, while the family were out for a drive, the old house and all that was in it, was burned. It was supposed that the premises were first robbed, and then set on fire, as no melted silver was found in the ruins, which should have been the case had the fire been a pure accident. The old house consisted of a main part, which was two storied, and had four large rooms and a wide, roomy hall on each floor, while a rather extensive kitchen addition, also two storied, stood back of it. The stones of the

old building, as far as needed, were used in the erection of the new or present structure.

John Van Winkle was one of those mentioned to whom Edo Marselis deeded the acre on which the Preakness Church stands. He was also probably the first treasurer this Church ever had, and if so, he must have been one of the original Consistory. He lived on the present (1902) David Bensen place, on the very spot where the Bensen house of to-day is, in an old gambrel roofed stone house, long since removed, somewhat like that now on the Preakness Race Course property. There are people yet living in Preakness who remember the old structure. John Van Winkle's wife was Margaret Elizabeth Ryerson. According to the Schanck MS., in the Historical Society's rooms, in Newark, she was the sixth child of Joris Ryerson and Mary Du Bois, and was born November 5, 1755. John, or Johannes, Van Winkle and his wife had two daughters and two sons that we know of. The oldest child was a daughter, Maria De Boos, (Du Bois), b. April 5, bap. May 9, 1793. The second child was a son, John George Ryerson, b. November 1, bap. December 6, 1795. The other two children were Martin and Elizabeth Jane. Martin was born October 4, 1797. Elizabeth Jane was probably the youngest of all. She died young, and is buried back of the Preakness Church, although no tombstone marks her resting place.

John Van Winkle died in Preakness, as nearly as we can tell, about 1830. His elder son, John George Ryerson, afterwards built and lived in the old one-story, or story-and-a-half stone house, on the Ira A. Mitchell place, toward Mountain View, the house that stood there before Warren Mitchell, Ira's father, added to it, and built it higher, which house, remodelled, was burned on Saturday, February 11, 1899.

Martin remained, after his father's death, on the homestead, and built the large stone part of the house that is still on the property. He died in that house, April 10, 1857. John G. R., in 1858, left these parts, and went to Kalamazoo, Mich., to live.

We are quite positive that John Van Winkle, the father of these children, was an Elder in this Church, from the time of its organization until 1809; but we cannot tell how long after this. He was anyhow an Elder in 1814, 1816, 1817, 1826, and he may have been in all the years between, but we are not sure. John G. R. was a Deacon from 1843-9, and an Elder from 1852-8, in which

latter year, June 14, just before he left these parts, he resigned. Martin was a Deacon from 1843-53.

Because of there being so many of the Van Winkle name in New Jersey, we are unable to make the direct connection of the Preakness Van Winkles with their original Holland ancestor.

The first Van Winkle in this country was Jacob Wallings Van Winckel, whose wife was Tryntje Jacobs, and who had at least five children:

1. Grietje, b. about 1646; m. August 30, 1665, at New York, Elias Michelse Vreeland.

2. Walling, b. about 1648; m. at Bergen March 15, 1671, Catharina Michaelse.

3. Jacob, bap. October 16, 1650, at New Amsterdam; m. (1) December 15, 1675, Aeltje Daniels; (2) March 26, 1695, Grietje Hendrickse Hollinge.

4. Simon, bap. August 24, 1653, at New Amsterdam; m. December 15, 1675, Annatje Ariaensje Sip.

5. Annetje, bap. January 2, 1656, at New Amsterdam; m. at New York December 7, 1676, Johannes Steynmets.

Walling and Simon Van Winckel were of the company from Bergen who purchased Acquecanonk in 1679. These were no doubt the ancestors, (or one of them was), of the Preakness family.

It is possible, but we cannot tell to a certainty, that the father of the first John Van Winkle, of Preakness, was, as Albert W. Van Winkle, of New York, in this day suggests: "John Van Winckel, young man born and living in Ackquechnonk, who married, December 5, 1746, Janneke Reijerszen, maiden, born in New York, and both living in Ackquechnonk."

John G. R. Van Winkle, who married Margaret Van Riper, had children:

1. John, who later of his own accord, wrote his name, John I. He married Abby Youmans, of Wyckoff, N. J.

2. Jane, who married Theodore, a son of Domine Wilson, of Fairfield.

3. Mary Catharine, m. Hopper.

4. Margaret, m.

5. Garret, m. Josephine Ackerman, of Ponds, who, (1901), lives in Detroit, Mich., No. 299 Mayberry Grand Avenue, and from whom we have verified much of what we had, and obtained other information about the family.

Martin Van Winkle, brother of John G. R., who married Wilhelmina Jacobus, b. May 20, 1800, had children:

1. John M., married Margaret Ackerman.
2. Leah Ann, unmarried.
3. Abraham, married in California.
4. Elizabeth, m. Samuel Fair. (See Tombstone Inscriptions in new cemetery.)
5. Anthony, m. Charlotte Hedges, of New York.
6. Mary Catharine. Died young.
7. Matilda, m. John Ryerson.
- 8, 9 and 10. Harriet, Rachel, and Emeline, all unmarried.

The first John Van Winkle's will is at Hackensack, and was dated May 1, 1829, and probated December 10, 1831. He names his wife, *Alsey*, two sons, John G. R., and Martin, and a granddaughter, Caty Dearman. He leaves to his son Martin the homestead farm in Preakness, sixty-five acres, including land bought by Elizabeth Van Winkle from Richard Dey and Samuel Van Saun. No other children are mentioned.

Was John Van Winkle a second time married, or was "*Alsey*" intended for Elizabeth? The property bought by Elizabeth Van Winkle consisted of thirty acres adjoining the tract of John Van Winkle and Matthew Cronk and Geertruy, his wife. The deed for it is dated April 17, 1794, and is signed by Richard Dey and Samuel Van Saun and their wives. Matthew Cronk at one time owned a great deal of land, it is said, in Lower Preakness. Mrs. Cockaroo, (b. August 14, 1833), of Paterson, declares that he was 101 and not ninety-four years old, as per church records, when he died December 26, 1852. She was his great grandchild. Her mother, Molly, the daughter of his oldest child, Catharine, was adopted by him as his child. Molly married a Petry. Mrs. Cockaroo's maiden name was Hetty Petry.

There were those of the Haring name here quite early. It has been said that a Haring owned and lived on what is known as the John Campbell place, west of the parsonage, when Washington was entertained there in 1780. But we do not know who this was, if it is true that Washington was entertained there. At any rate, there are three Haring tombstones in the old burying ground back of the church, with inscriptions as follows:

Alty Haring, wife of Mindert Maby, d. October 20, 1839; aged seventy-four, eight, two.

Garret P. Haring, d. January 19, 1851; aged sixty-six, four, nineteen.

Jane, wife of Garret P. Haring, d. June 1, 1850; aged sixty-five, seven, twenty-one.

Mrs. Maby and Garret P. Haring were not very closely related. The great great grandfather of the former was the great great great grandfather of the latter. We do not know how long either of these two persons lived in Preakness, or whether they were born here or not. It is probable that Mrs. Maby was born here, and that her father, Cornelis Haring, was the one who owned the Campbell place in 1780. That branch of the family came to Preakness from Hackensack. Garret P. Haring's name is first noticed in Preakness on a subscription paper for minister's salary in 1814. His father's name was Peter G., and his grandfather's Gerrit J. Peter G. Haring was born in Tappan. Gerrit J. in Hackensack. Garret P. may have been born in Preakness. If it was this family that owned the Campbell place it must have been Gerrit J., in his later years. Mrs. Garret P. Haring was the daughter of Mindert Maby.

The first Haring of either of these lines in this country was Jan Pietersen Haring, who was born in Holland December 26, 1633. His wife was Grietje Cosyn, of New Amsterdam, whom he married at Whitsuntide, 1662. Children: Peter, b. August 13, 1664; Vroutje, b. March 3, 1667; Cosyn, b. March 3, 1669; Cornelis, b. March 4, 1672; Brechtje, b. July 4, 1675; Marytje, b. September 27, 1679; Abraham, b. November 24, 1681. Six of these, and perhaps all, were baptized in New York.

1. Peter Haring, m. in New York December 4, 1687, Grietje Bogert. Twelve children:

Grietje, b. September 8, 1688; Cornelia, b. February 24, 1690; Brechje, b. June 19, 1692; a child, b. May 25, 1695, died the same day; Pieterje, b. January 31, 1696; Jenneke, b. January 24, 1698; Jan. Pieterse, b. April 15, 1700; Catharina, b. April 5, 1702; Abraham, b. April 9, 1704; Elbert, b. March 3, 1706; Tuenes, b. July 12, 1708; Klaessie, b. April 21, 1711. Grietje and Elbert were baptized in New York. The fifth to the ninth, inclusive, were baptized at Tappan, and the last two at Hackensack.

2. Vroutje Haring, m. October 30, 1689, at New York, Theunis Quick. We know nothing else about her.

3. Cosyn Haring, m. Maria Gerrits Blauvelt.

Eight children: Jan, b. November 24, 1693; Maritie; Gerriidt (2); Maria; Braechie; Sara. All but Jan, the eldest, and per-

haps he was, were baptized, and no doubt also born, at Tappan. Jan. m. January 15, 1718, Aeltie Van Dalsen.

4. Cornelis, m. Cathlyn Flierboom. Seven children:

Jan, Grietje, Fytje, Vroutje, Daniel, Cornelis, Jakob. Jan was baptized May 20, 1694, at Hackensack. All the rest were baptized at Tappan.

This Jan, called Jan Cornelis, m. July 19, 1718, Rentie Blauvelt.

5. Brechtje Haring, daughter of Jan Pietersen Haring, m. Theunis Dowerson Tallman. After her death, Tallman m. again at Tappan, January 11, 1710, Margrietje Hogencamp.

6. Marytje, m. Jacob Flierboom.

7. Abraham, m. June 25, 1707, Dirckje Tallman.

Thirteen children: Jan, Abraham, Harmanus, Margrietie, Mareya, Elizabeth, (1); Daniel, (1); Daniel, (2); Bregie, Cornelis, Elizabeth, (2); Rachel, Maria. Two of these, Bregie and Cornelis, were baptized at Hackensack; the rest at Tappan.

Jan Cornelis Haring, (oldest son and child of Cornelis and Cathlyn F. Haring), who married Rentie Blauvelt, had a son Cornelis, m. Elizabeth —, who were the parents of Aeltje Haring, or Mrs. Mindert Maby.

Jan Haring, called Jan Cosines, b. November 24, 1693, (oldest son and child of Cosyn and Maria G. B. Haring), and Aeltie Van Dalsen, his wife, were the parents of Gerrit J., b. April 25, bap. June 6, 1725, at Hackensack, who m. Cornelia Lent. These latter were the parents of Peter G., b. June 1, bap. June 15, 1760, at Tappan, and who m. Elizabeth —. Peter G. and Elizabeth Haring were the parents of Garret P., b. August 30, 1784, and whose wife was Jane Maby.

The Demarest family is one of the most numerous in New Jersey. This with the Post, Van Houten, Snyder, and Smith families, is about as difficult as any there are to trace out. There have been Demarests in Preakness.

Benjamin Demarest, or Demarist, of Preakness, b. March 31, bap. at Schraalenburg April 2, 1749, d. March 30, 1817, is buried in the old Dey, or Hogencamp, family burying ground in Lower Preakness. He was the son of David B. Demarest and Marytie Ackerman, who were married at Hackensack January 22, 1743.

Then there is David D. Demarest, who married Hannah Van Saun, of Lower Preakness, and afterwards owned and lived on his father-in-law's, or Samuel Van Saun's place, and who was the

father of the present Samuel Demarest, of Paterson, or Maywood, (his country home being in Maywood),

The founder of the Demarest family in America was David des Marest. He was the son of Jean (des Marest), and was born at Beauchamp, in Picardy, France, about 1620. He married at Middelburg, Zeeland, Holland, July 24, 1643, Marie Sohier, daughter of Francois, from Nieppe, in the province of Hainault, Belgium.

Children:

1. Jean, bap. April 14, 1645, at Middelburg; d. 1719.
2. Francois (supposed), b. about 1647; died young.
3. David (1), bap. June 22, 1649, at Middelburg; died in infancy.
4. David (2), b. at Mannheim, in 1652; d. about 1691.
5. Samuel, b. at Mannheim in 1656; d. 1728.
6. A child, b. at Mannheim in 1662; d. about 1664, in America.
7. Daniel, b. at Harlem; bap. in New York July 7, 1666; d. January 8, 1672.

There were probably others.

David des Marest, (as he wrote his name), arrived in New Amsterdam, (N. Y.), in the "Bonte Koe" April 16, 1663, with his wife and four children, aged eighteen, eleven, six, and one year. He lived two years on Staten Island, then, in 1665, removed to Harlem, from where, in 1678, he came to the Hackensack River, where he lived until his death, before October, 1693. His will, dated August 26, 1689, was probated August 18, 1697.

David Demarest, Jr., fourth child of the former, and the one in whose line the subject of our writing, *i. e.*, Benjamin, came, was eleven years old when he came to this country. Mannheim, the place of his birth, is in the Palatinate. David Demarest, Jr., married at New York April 4, 1675, Rachel Creson. Among the younger of the twelve children of this couple was Benjamin, who married November 7, 1713, at Hackensack, Elizabeth Pieterse De Groot. David B., bap. December 4, 1720, at Hackensack, who was the father of Benjamin Demarest, of Preakness, was their son.

David D. Demarest, who married Hannah Van Saun, was descended from the oldest son, Jean, of David des Marest and Marie Sohier. Jean des Marest, son of David, bap. April 14, 1645, at Middelburg, Holland, died 1719, was married three times:

1. September 9, 1668, at New York, to Jacomina Dreuns.

2. March 23, 1692, at New York, to Marritje (Jacobse) Van Winckle, widow of Peter Slot.

3. December 20, 1702, at Hackensack, to Magdalen Laurens, widow of Jean Tullier.

He had eleven children, all by his first wife. One of the youngest was Peter, b. about 1685, who married twice, and had eighteen children by his two wives, ten being baptized at Hackensack, seven at Schraalenburg, and one at Tappan, there being thirty-eight years between the births of the first and last child. His marriages were:

1. May 14, 1709, at Hackensack, to Maritje Meet (Mead).

2. October 15, 1722, at Hackensack, to Maria Batton.

By his first wife Peter Demarest had seven children, born from 1710-1720, inclusive. And by his second wife he had eleven children, born from 1723-1748.

The fourteenth child, the seventh by his second wife, was David P., bap. May 21, 1738, at Schraalenburg, who married Hester Brower. This couple had ten children:

1. Petrus (1), bap. November 23, 1761, at Hackensack. Died in infancy.

2. Elizabeth, bap. July 3, 1763, at Hackensack; m. September 4, 1789, Jacobus Westervelt.

3. Petrus (2), b. June 8, bap. June 23, 1765, at Hackensack; m. Catalina Bensen.

4. Marya, bap. August 2, 1767, at Hackensack; m. November 24, 1786, Matthew Bogart.

5. Abram, bap. October 22, 1769, at Hackensack; died in infancy.

6. Margrietje, bap. July 14, 1771, at Hackensack; d. April, 1808; m. April 13, 1791, Christian Shuart.

7. Abraham, b. December 14, 1773, bap. January 1, 1774. Don't know anything more about him.

8. John, b. October 24, bap. December 24, 1775, at Schraalenburg; died young.

9. David D., b. 1778; d. February 20, 1856; m. April 16, 1797, Hannah Van Saun.

10. James D. (Rev.), b. March 9, 1780; d. November 7, 1869; m. May 15, 1803, at Tappan, Elizabeth Haring.

The children of David D. and Hannah Demarest were, in the order that we have them,—perhaps one or two being left out:

Leah, b. July 22, 1800; David, b. August 7, 1802; Hester (1),

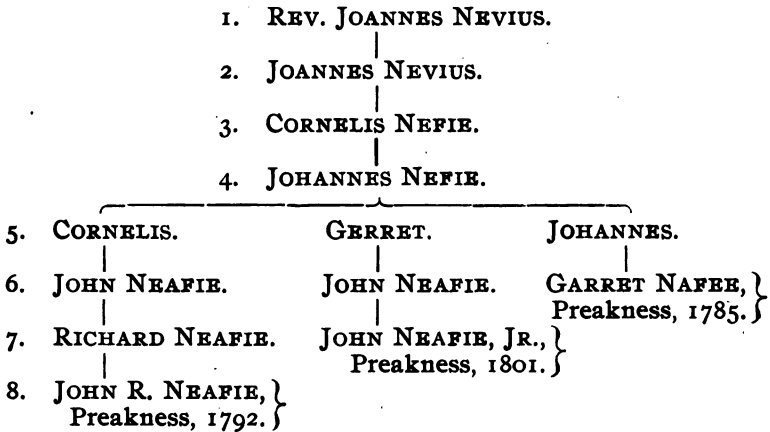


b. September 28, 1804; Hester (2), b. January 27, 1808; Maria, b. August 11, 1811; Samuel, b. April 26, 1814.

The last, as we have noted, is living at Paterson, or Maywood.

**NEAFIE—NAFIE.**—Three families of this name, of different generations, have been identified with Preakness, represented by Garrit Nafee, who was here 1785-1804, and John R. Neafie, 1792-1827, and John Neafie, Jr., 1801-1813. All were descended from Joannes Nevius, who came to America from Holland about 1651. The name Nevius is a Latinized form of the name of Neeff.

From John Neafie, of New York, we have the following diagram, which shows the exact relationship of the three Preakness Neafie families:



Rev. Joannes Neeff, or Nevius, b. at Amsterdam, Holland, in 1594, entered the University of Leyden in 1608, at the age of fourteen, and, 1619-34, was pastor of the Reformed Church at Zoelen, in the province of Guelderland, Holland. He married at that place July 25, 1625, Maria, daughter of Peter Becx, of Cologne, by whom he had at least five children, born between 1627 and 1632, the first of whom was the American ancestor, Joannes Nevius, bap. at Zoelen March 14, 1627, who was also a student at Leyden University. Joannes Nevius came to America as a merchant and trader, and was married at New Amsterdam November 18, 1653, to Ari-aentje Bleyck, of Batavia, Island of Java, by whom he had nine children, born between 1654 and 1670. Joannes Nevius was a Schepen of New Amsterdam, 1654-56, and Secretary of the city,

1657-65, the last year of service being under the English. In 1670, he leased the Brooklyn Ferry, and died at his home, on the Brooklyn side, in June, 1672. His widow afterwards remarried. A brother of Joannes, the Rev. Matthias Nevius, or Neeff, also a Reformed Church clergyman, in Holland, was in New York City in February, 1665, on a visit, doubtless, of which no mention has heretofore been made in published works. He was pastor, first at Renswonde, and afterwards, from 1656 to 1682, at Montfort. He died in the latter year.

The sixth child of Joannes and Ariaentje Nevius, named Petrus, baptized at New Amsterdam February 4, 1663, is the ancestor of all those in America bearing the name *Nevius* or *Nevyus*.

The fifth child, Cornelis, bap. January 19, 1661, is the progenitor of all in America who spell their names *Neafie*, *Nafee*, *Nafie*, *Nafey*, *Napheys*, *Neefus*, *Neafus*, *Nafis*, and in other ways.

Cornelis married in Brooklyn April 15, 1683, Agatha Joris, daughter of Joris Jacobse Bowman. This couple removed to Staten Island in 1685, where Cornelis died in 1711, or 1712. They had at least eight children, born between 1684 and 1707. The third child of this union was Johannes, born on Staten Island about 1688, who married October 9, 1710, at Bergen, N. J., Antje Gerritse Van Wagenen, daughter of Gerret Gerretsen, Jr., and Neesje Pieterse Merselis. This Johannes removed, with his family, from Staten Island to Slotterdam, Bergen County, N. J., in 1720. He held several public positions in Bergen County between 1722 and 1739. Freeholder, Surveyor, etc. He died after 1748. He and his wife united with the Dutch Church of Acquackanonck March 31, 1726, and from January 29, 1727, to June 16, 1728, he was a deacon in said church. Johannes Nefie and wife, Antje, had eleven children, five born on Staten Island and six in Bergen County, N. J. The eldest child, Cornelis, bap. at Port Richmond October 23, 1711, married, and had at least two children, John and Cornelius. John m. Helena Dey, daughter of Derrick Dey and Sarah Toers, their license being dated June 18, 1762. Cornelius m. about 1762 Aeltje, daughter of Derrick Van Giesen, of Totowa. Cornelius was murdered in 1782, his wife having died before him. John Neafie, who married Helena Dey, at the time of his marriage, was of Bergen County, but afterwards removed to Two Bridges, Fairfield side. He held various public positions. In 1785, he erected a new stone house near the bridge across the Passaic River, and died there in

1793 or 1794. His wife, called "Laney," died in 1818. Three children resulted from this union: Garret, Richard, and Sarah.

1. Garret, b. September 25, 1764; d. August 21, 1810; m. December 6, 1788, Caroline Post. Six children:

(1) Caroline, b. September 3, 1790; d. 1850 or 1851; m. January 29, 1814, John Sanford.

(2) John, b. February 6, 1793; d. about 1815; unmarried.

(3) Francis, b. March 7, 1795; d. April 5, 1873; m. June 27, 1818, Catherine Vreeland. He was known as Col. Francis Neafie.

(4) Richard Dey, b. October 5, 1798; d. November 10, 1867; m. December 25, 1819, Sarah Sisco.

(5) Sarah, b. July 8, 1802; d. October 16, 1889; m. February 10, 1825, John B. Dixon.

(6) Cornelius, b. about 1804; d. in 1832; m. about 1826, Jane Van Wart.

2. Richard, known as Colonel Richard Neafie, b. about 1766; d. February 2, 1816; m. twice:

(1) In 1791, Maria Van Saun, of Preakness, b. August 30, 1771, d. January 20, 1792.

(2) August 4, 1793, Elizabeth Mead, of Pacquanac, b. December 25, 1775; d. November 2, 1865. Both wives are buried in Preakness, the first in the Van Saun plot, in the old Kip burying ground, (on tombstone her name is Mary); the second in Henry I. Mead's plot, south of the church.

By his first wife, Colonel Richard Neafie had but one child, John R. Neafie, b. January 3, 1792; d. September 27 or 29, 1867; m. May 15 or June 24, 1814, Sarah Doremus, daughter of Thomas Doremus, Jr., of Cedar Grove. She was born June 15, 1797, and died October 15, 1869. John R. Neafie was but a few weeks old when his mother died, and he was taken to the home of his maternal grandfather, Samuel Van Saun, in Preakness, where he was brought up. On his marriage, in 1814, he went to live in the house of Jacob K. Mead, lately the residence of Mrs. Ann Jacobus, who died January 28, 1902, aged ninety years and six months. In 1827 he removed to Little Falls and resided there for the last forty years of his life. He held various civil and military positions. As Justice of the Peace, he was known everywhere as Esquire John R. Neafie. Children:

(1) Maria Van Saun, b. April 21, 1815; d. October 15, 1875; m. December 17, 1838, Ogden Hall, b. September, 1802; d. May 3, 1857.

(2) Thomas Doremus, b. November 29, 1816; d. July 8, 1876; m. February 8, 1864, Mrs. Jane Wight, b. September 28, 1831.

(3) James Orton, b. May 1, 1819; d. January 4, 1900; m. December 3, 1845, Emily Peters, b. October 3, 1822, d. January 5, 1900.

(4) Aaron Baldwin, b. December 11, 1822; d. December 4, 1898; unmarried.

(5) Frances Elizabeth, b. August 12, 1825; d. May 10, 1901; m. January 19, 1845, Theodore F. Snover, b. March 14, 1820, d. June 27, 1902.

(6) Stephen Personett, b. March 4, 1828; m. September 11, 1855, Sarah Elizabeth Acker, b. August 24, 1832, who live in New York City. These are the parents of John Neafie, of New York, who has furnished us with a very large portion of the material in most of our "Genealogical Notes," as well as other matter, and without whose aid it would not have been possible for us to have presented this work as it is.

(7) Jane Emeline, b. May 23, 1830; d. October 16, 1901; m. October 6, 1852, Peter M. Grant, b. about 1825, d. April 1, 1888.

(8) Catherine Eugenia, b. May 11, 1854; d. August 7, 1865; m. George Van Ness, b. —, d. May 16, 1890.

(9) Frederick, b. March 2, 1836; m. February 6, 1868, Jane Lush, b. September 27, 1844. They live in New York City.

The first three and the fifth of these were born in Preakness; the rest in Little Falls.

The children of Col. Richard Neafie and Elizabeth Mead, his second wife, are as follows:

(1) —.

(2) Mary (1), b. March 21, 1795; died in infancy.

(3) Eleanor, b. March 24, 1797; d. October 13, 1887; m. September 9, 1820, James D. Jacobus.

(4) Henry Mead, b. February 2, 1799; d. February 27, 1862; m. July 19, 1818, Rachel Mead.

(5) Garret, b. —; d. —; unmarried.

(6) Mary, b. February 19, 1813; d. September 22, 1876; m. November 12, 1836, Henry I. Mead. She was the mother of the first Mrs. James D. Berdan, of Preakness; of Mrs. Charles Haight, of Mountain View, and of Isaac Frank Mead, a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

3. Sarah, (third child and only daughter of John Neafie and

Helena Dey), b. September 11, 1770; d. May 4, 1842; m. March 8, 1789, David Dey, b. November 30, 1763; d. July 27, 1851. Fourteen children:

(1) Esther, b. December 11, 1789; d. October 17, 1868; unmarried.

(2) Helena, b. March 31, 1791; d. December 22, 1851; unmarried.

(3) Teunis, b. October 12, 1792; d. March 21, 1865; m. February 18, 1816, Susan Dey, his first cousin.

(4) Hannah, b. April 23, 1794; d. April 29, 1857; unmarried.

(5) John D., b. October 14, 1796; d. March 9, 1815.

(6) David, b. September 5, 1798; d. October 17, 1817.

(7) Peter Light, of Varick, N. Y., b. July 1, 1800; d. August 28, 1847; m. (1) February 18, 1824, Rebecca Steele, d. 1832; (2) Lydia C. Johnson. One of his children is John H. Dey, of Pelham Manor, N. Y.; another is Capt. David Dey, of Brooklyn.

(8) Caroline, b. September 24, 1802; d. December 22, 1839; m. January 2, 1839, Samuel G. Crawford.

(9) Mary, b. June 8, 1804; d. about February, 1893; m. Moses Johnson.

(10) Benjamin, b. February 27, 1806; deceased; m. Margaret Sinclair.

(11) Garret, b. May 21, 1807; d. August 7, 1861; m. Ellen Dey, his first cousin.

(12) Henry, b. March 27, 1809; d. June 27, 1822.

(13) Solomon V. R., b. December 10, 1810; d. June 15, 1892; m. Catherine Terhune.

(14) Richard Varick, b. June 21, 1812; d. August 30, 1878; m. May 8, 1856, Margaret Elizabeth Colburn.

Note.—These data concerning David and Sarah Dey's children are taken from "The Neafie Genealogy, or Joannes Nevius and His Descendants," by A. V. D. Honeyman.

The second child of Johannes and Antje Nefie was Garret, bap. at Port Richmond July 14, 1713; d. in Bergen County, N. J., 1754; m. at Acquackanonk, 1737, Catalyntje Westervelt, b. March 29, 1721, at Tappan, N. Y. Both united with the Acquackanonk Church April 18, 1742. Five children at least, one of whom was John, b. 1742; d. October 26, 1816, at Montgomery, Orange County, N. Y.; m. twice, (1), about 1770, Catharine Post, b. about 1750; d. November 29, 1811; (2), September 6, 1812, Mrs. Martha Hunt.

John Neafie, son of Garret, lived first at the Ponds, then at Camp Gaw, afterwards in New York City, and finally at Montgomery, N. Y. He had five children by his first wife:

1. Garret, b. about 1771; drowned August 26, 1805; m. about 1791, Margaret Garrison, b. July 18, 1775; d. February 19, 1865. Garret Neafie was drowned while sailing off the Rockaway Bar, L. I., on a trial trip of a new boat for the Weehawken and Bull's Ferries, of both of which he was the lessee.

2. Elizabeth, b. May 5, 1774; d. January 23, 1824; m. about 1790, Andries Smith, b. August 8, 1762, d. February 18, 1845.

3. John, Jr., b. February 24, 1779; d. May 8, 1869; m. about 1800, Esther Stivers, b. about 1783, d. May 21, 1864.

4. Peter, b. February 18, 1781; d. September 27, 1856; m. twice: (1) August 15, 1802, Elizabeth Dey, daughter of Gen. Richard Dey; (2) August 1 or December 11, 1820, Margaret McEwen, b. March 5, 1800, d. December 3, 1859.

5. Cornelius, b. July 14, 1791; d. November 11, 1854; m. September 16, 1818, Rhoda Lyon, b. November 20, 1789, d. September 10, 1875. These were the parents of Gen. Alfred Neafie, of Goshen, N. Y.

John Neafie, Jr., third child and second son of John and Catharine Post Neafie, lived successively at the Ponds, at New York City, at Preakness, (Dey House), 1801-1813, again in New York City, and finally at Nyack, where he died. He had eight children, five of whom were born in the Dey House. This is the man who, with his brother Garret, as we have seen, in 1801, purchased 355 acres of the Dey property, including the homestead, or Washington's Headquarters, of Major, afterwards General Richard Dey, the Colonel's son, for £3,000 New York money, or about \$7,500, their father no doubt furnishing them with the means. John lived on the place until it was sold to the Hogencamps. Garret never lived in Preakness, but in New York.

Children of John Neafie, Jr., and his wife, Esther:

1. Catharine, b. May 24, 1801; d. April 4, 1882; m. Aaron Remsen, d. December 29, 1854, aged fifty-seven.

2. Hannah, b. July 28, 1803; d. March 10, 1889; m. John Parker.

3. Caroline, b. July 28, 1805; d. August 6, 1875; unmarried.

4. Rachel, b. February 24, 1808; d. December 2, 1873; m. April 5, 1832, Charles Connor, b. July 30, 1800, d. April 22, 1869.

5. Elsie, b. February 9, 1811; d. August 20, 1842; m. John McClure.

6. A daughter, b. about 1813; d. in infancy.

7. John Andrew Jackson, b. November 6, 1815; d. May 2, 1892; m. August 4, 1839, Mary Eliza Way, d. March 1, 1897, aged seventy-five. John A. J. Neafie was the celebrated actor and tragedian.

8. Elizabeth, b. about April, 1817; d. October 8, 1818.

The fourth child of Johannes and Antje Nefe was Johannes, b. about 1718, on Staten Island, who married about 1744, Catharine ——. Seven children at least sprung from this union, the third of whom was Garrit, bap. at Six Mile Run, N. J., April 20, 1755; d. about 1823; m. about 1785, Effie Van Houten, b. October 2, 1763, d. December 25, 1818. She was the daughter of Ralph, or Roeluff, and Hannah (Jacobus) Van Houten. This Garrit Nafee, as he wrote his name, in the latter part of the eighteenth century and early part of the nineteenth, lived in Preakness, somewhere near where the Van Sauns lived. He, together with John, Jr., was also identified with the Preakness Church for a short time after its organization, as shown in certain old Church papers, under date of 1802 and 1803. He had likewise, as a young man, been active and prominent in the Revolutionary struggle, serving in the Second New Jersey Regiment, Col. William Maxwell, from November, 1775, to the fall of 1777; and then in the First New York Regiment, Col. Goose Van Schaick, from October 27, 1777, until his honorable discharge, June 8, 1783. He was at Quebec when Gen. Montgomery was killed; was in the battles of St. Johns and Three Rivers; also in the battles of Monmouth and White Plains, and participated in the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va. He is said to have been once captured by the Indians. He was a Revolutionary pensioner from 1818 until his death. In 1804, Garrit Nafee sold his property in Preakness to John Dussenberrie, of Ulster County, N. Y., and went to Hoboken to live. His six children, all but the youngest, having been born in Preakness, were:

1. John, b. March 1, 1786; d. February 15, 1860; m. December 20 or 31, 1806, Matilda Corby, b. January 22, 1790, d. September 9, 1863.

2. Ralph, b. June 23, 1788; d. December 30, 1858; m. about 1811, Ellen King, b. 1787, d. Feb. 18, 1872.

3. Peter, b. November 3, 1790; d. December 16, 1866; m. No-

ember 15, 1809, Mary Cockran, b. July 29, 1791, d. December 18, 1852.

4. Hannah, b. September 22, 1793; d. November 9, 1814; unmarried.

5. Cornelius, b. February 27, 1798; d. unmarried.

6. Robert, b. September 27, 1804; m. February 28, 1829, Mrs. Catharine Wilkey.

Ralph Nafey, as he wrote his name, the second of the above children, was the father of Capt. John D. Nafey, for over forty years a Captain on the Hoboken Ferries, and who died in 1893; and of James Neafie, now of Boonton, N. J., for forty-five years connected with the D., L. & W. R. R. Garrit Nafee, in his later years, lived for a while in New York City, and finally in Pequannock, Morris County, N. J., where he died.

The Berry family came to Preakness likewise, as we have noted, in 1801, from Morris County, and have remained on the original purchase, adding to it, however, from time to time. Henry Berry, of Pequannock, in that year, purchased the northern part of the Dey tract, containing 196 acres, of David Dey, and Sarah (Neafie) Dey, his wife. Henry Berry's son, Martin H., who married Rachel Kip, and who succeeded his father in possession of the property, was prominent in our Church history. The late Henry K. was his son, and the widow and children, Rachel Ann, Martin H., and Cornelius K., of Henry K., are still with us.

The Preakness Berrys are descendants of the first Samuel Berrie, of Pompton, or Pompton Plains, 1695-1697, who might have been a nephew of Captain John Berry, who came from the Island of Barbadoes, in the West Indies, about 1669, and settled near Newark. The Berrys are probably English, or of English extraction; but nearly all of them in this country married and intermarried with the Dutch, and in the course of time have become as Dutch as anybody. Cornelius K. Berry, the present owner of the Berry homestead in Preakness, since the writing of this history began, has been selling off his land piece by piece to milkmen and truck farmers.

Samuel Berrie, or Berry, of Pompton, or Pompton Plains, who died 1702, m. March 31, 1690, at Flatbush, Long Island, Catharine Martense Ryerson. They had six children: Deborah, bap. July 28, 1691; Martin, b. about 1693; Johannes, bap. December 22, 1695; Samuel, bap. April 10, 1698; Paulus, b. about 1700; Sarah, b. about 1702. Martin, the second child and oldest son,



was the ancestor of the Preakness Berrys. He married April 15, 1720, Maria Roome, and had children:

1. Samuel, b. September 8, 1722; m. Catalyna Berry.
2. Peter, b. March 19, 1725; m. Susanah Jones.
3. Henry, b. December 4, 1731; d. February 17, 1817; m. Keziah De Mott. This Henry Berry is the man who bought the Preakness farm of David and Sarah Dey. He was the father of Martin H. Berry, b. June 29, 1768; d. December 29, 1857; m. (1) June 11, 1794, Rachel Van Riper, who was born September 10, 1775, and died November 17, 1806. (2) March 1, 1823, Rachel Kip, who was born March 15, 1795; d. February 23, 1859.

Martin H. Berry, of Preakness, by his first wife, had children, as follows:

1. Sophia (1), b. June 28, 1795; d. March 14, 1796.
2. Maria, b. June 1, 1797; d. May 24, 1803.
3. Jane, b. October 8, 1801; d. August 28, 1867; m. October, 1820, Albert Terhune.
4. Sophia (2), b. January 6, 1804; m. November 4, 1821, Nicholas Kip.
5. A male child, (no name), b. November 15, 1806.

Martin H. Berry, by his second wife, had children:

1. Henry K., b. October 24, 1823; m. November 28, 1846, Maria Stagg.
2. Christina Ann, b. April 11, 1827; d. November 10, 1827.
3. Cornelius K., b. September 1, 1830; d. June 26, 1856.

Henry K. Berry's children are:

1. Rachel Ann, b. 1847.
2. Martin H., b. September 9, 1848; m. August 18, 1870, Catharine A. Van Houten. One child of this union survives, Harry M., of Paterson.

3 and 4. John Henry and Christina Margaret, twins, b. March 1, 1851. John Henry died April 26, 1877. He left one daughter, Josephine. Christina Margaret, d. February 19, 1881; m. (1) John R. Berdan, November 10, 1869. (2) Harry C. Lewis, April 29, 1880. She left a son by each husband, Walter H. Berdan and John Lewis.

5. Cornelius K., b. June 12, 1866; m. May 4, 1888, Mary Bogert. Several children.

It will be interesting to insert here the copy of a petition from some of the Preakness people to the State Legislature, under date of 1806. In 1804, an act was passed by the Legislature of New

Jersey gradually abolishing slavery in the State. The people of this locality, many of whose names are in the petition, a list which will be carefully read by their descendants, sought by this means to have the act repealed. But let the petition, which we found in the State Library at Trenton, speak for itself:

“To the Hon’ble the House of Assembly of the State of New Jersey, constitutionally convened.”

The petition of the Inhabitants of Pracaness, Saddle River Township and County of Bergen:

“Humbly sheweth,

That your petitioners, sensible of the inconvenience already arisen, since the passing of the Act for the abolition of Slavery, and dreading the intolerable burden of accumulating Taxes, which will infallibly take place under the continuation of said Act,—We, your petitioners, humbly pray for a repeal of an Act entitled *an Act for the gradual abolition of slavery.*

\* \* \* “Submitting the same to your serious consideration and relying on your impartiality in granting said petition \* \* \* we, your petitioners as in duty bound \* \* \* will pray.

“Pracaness, 13th January, 1806.

ALBERT BERDAN, JUN.  
 JACOB BERDAN  
 URIAH VAN RIPER  
 RICHARD VAN REYFEN  
 JOHN TRUKER  
 RICHARD SPEER  
 JOHN CROUTER  
 PETER CROUTER  
 JOHN JOHNSON, JUN.  
 EDWD. HODGSON  
 THUNIS HENNION  
 RICHARD VAN RIPER, JUNR.  
 ISAAC VAN BLARCOM  
 JOHN D. VAN BLARCOM  
 EDWARD JONES  
 NICHOLAS JONES  
 DAVID I. HENNION  
 JOHN JONSON  
 HASEL HENNION  
 JACOB VAN RIPER  
 GERLUNE ACKERMAN  
 MARTIN H. BERRY  
 JOHN MYER  
 CORNELIUS VAN HORN  
 PETER BUSH  
 JOHN COURTER  
 JOHN D. BROWN

DAVID SPEER  
 BENJAMIN SISCAN  
 JAMES WESTERVELT  
 CORNELIUS GARRISON  
 COONRAUD REDNER  
 HENRY REDNER  
 HENRY SPEER  
 ABRAM SPEER  
 JOHN G. DOREMUS  
 WILLIAM WOODS  
 JOHN VAN WINKLE  
 DAVID D. DEMAREST  
 ANTHONY BEAM  
 CORNELIUS KIPP  
 HENRY KIP  
 BENJAMIN VAN WART  
 GEO. H. DOREMUS  
 NICHOLAS KIP  
 JOHN VAN SAUN  
 GEORGE DOREMUS  
 SAMUEL VAN SAEN  
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## CHAPTER III.

## SOME LATER PREAKNESS FAMILIES, WITH BRIEF NOTES.

Another Jacob,—Jacob D.,—of the Berdan family, b. April 19, 1746, d. November 29, 1815, son of Dirk, and grandson of Jan, Jr., and who married Catharine Bellue, or Billue, afterwards, in 1809, removed from Slauterdam to Lower Preakness, on the farm still occupied by his descendants, a half a mile or so south of the parsonage, and on which farm he died; where also his youngest son, Garret, b. June 18, 1800, subsequently, on the site of the old house, built what is at present the Berdan homestead. This Jacob D. had other sons,—Richard, Jacob, and John.

Jacob, son of Jacob D., built a house and lived on the George W. Winters place, as it is now, which place, until quite recently, was still in possession of the Berdan family. The old house on this latter place was of stone, adjoining the old frame house yet standing near the road. This Jacob married Anna Van Houten, and had two children, Catharine and Richard J. Richard J. Berdan, grandson of Jacob D., of Lower Preakness, married Elizabeth Ryerson, and had children:

1. Jacob. Died young.
2. Jeremiah R., m. Ann Sophia Jacobus. Four children.
3. Jacob R., m. Maria E. Van Saun. Children: Mary Louisa, dec'd.; Elizabeth R., m. John D. Merselis, son of John G. Mrs. Merselis, before her marriage, was for several years our Church Organist.
4. George R. Two children.
5. Richard. Two children.

John, the third son of Jacob D. Berdan, of Lower Preakness, studied theology, and was licensed in 1830 by the Classis of Hackensack, of the Seceder, or True Reformed Church, at a meeting held in Acquackanonk, where he was ordained and installed, and where likewise he preached until a short time before his death, in 1890, at the ripe age of ninety-three, living to see his posterity to the fourth generation. The little church in which Domine Berdan preached, and which has only recently been taken down, stood on the west side of Main avenue in Passaic, a short distance south of the Erie Railroad station. In this church he held one service a

Sunday in Dutch and one in English. He was a fine specimen of physical manhood, tall and erect, never having used either tobacco or liquor. Garret, the youngest of these four sons of Jacob D., and who remained on the old homestead, died in 1895, and was buried June 15, on his ninety-fifth birthday. He saw some of his great grandchildren reach man's estate. He married his cousin, Rebecca Berdan, daughter of Albert, of Upper Preakness. Children:

1. Dorcas. Unmarried.
2. Jacob, m. Martha Hogencamp. A large family of children. One son, Garret, who has four sons,—John, Charles V., and Bird and Larry (twins),—remains on the homestead, and his aunt lives with him.
3. Albert Voorhees, d. April 5, 1839.

John, son of Garret, married, has two children, and lives in Paterson.

Garret Berdan, Sr., who died in 1895, was one of two, Peter A. Voorhees being the other, who gave the two-acre lot on which the Preakness parsonage stands.

We must be careful not to confound the two Jacob Berdans, of Preakness, both born in 1746. One was simply Jacob, b. March 28, 1746; d. in 1829. He belonged to the Upper Preakness family. The other was Jacob D., b. April 19, 1746; d. November 29, 1815. He belonged to the Lower Preakness family. Both of these Jacobs are buried back of the Preakness Church. The Upper Preakness man had for his wife Divertje Banta. The Lower Preakness man's wife was Catharine Bellue, or Billue, (d. September 30, 1843). Each Jacob also had a brother John. Jacob's brother was simply John, and Jacob D.'s brother was John D., probably for Derrick, after their father.

The house, near Mountain View, of the late Jeremiah R. Berdan, (d. September 4, 1894), brother of the late Jacob R., (d. March 6, 1901), according to Mrs. Ann Hopper Jacobus, (Mrs. C. R. Jacobus), his mother-in-law, at present (1901) the oldest living member of this Church, whose mother was formerly Ann Dey, the granddaughter of Richard Dey, is over 120 years old. The external appearance of the house has been changed by being newly weatherboarded some years ago; but otherwise it is the same old structure, built originally by Jacob K. Mead, Esqr., before 1780, and is in excellent preservation, the walls, timbers, and plastering being yet all good, and the plastering and ceilings especially being

in much better condition than most of such work in other houses which has been done much later.

Jeremiah Ryerson, (b. September 21, 1776, d. October 3, 1864), in 1810, after he bought Dr. Philip Dey's farm, came to Lower Preakness to live. His wife was Rachel Van Saun, (b. November 6, 1786), whom he married October 30, 1802. Jeremiah Ryerson's descent from Marten Reyerson, the immigrant, is as follows:

Marten Reyerson, with his brother Adrian, came from Amsterdam, Holland, in 1646, and settled in what is now Brooklyn. Adriaen Reyerson m. July 29, 1659, Annetje Martens Schenck, and had eleven children born between 1660 and 1686. Marten Reyerson, May 14, 1663, m. Annetje Joris Rapelye, and had at least seven children, the second being Joris, who was baptized at New York September 19, 1666. Joris Martenszen Reyerson, August 11, 1691, m., at New York, Anneken Schouten, widow of Theunis Dirckszen Dey, who was baptized at New York March 17, 1666. They had nine children born between 1692 and 1706. One of these, Lucas, a half-brother of Derrick Dey, of Preakness, was baptized at New York April 9, 1704. He married twice: 1. Elizabeth Howell. 2. In May or June, 1745, Susanna Van der Linde. Lucas by his first wife had a son George L., who, November 9, 1766, m. Mary Joris Reyerson. He died September 22, 1842, aged ninety-nine years, nine months, and twelve days. His wife, Mary, died July 11, 1809, aged sixty-two years, two months, and sixteen days. These were the parents of Jeremiah Ryerson, who for over half a century lived in Preakness, and for many years was an officer in this Church. The children of Jeremiah Ryerson and Rachel Van Saun were:

1. Elizabeth, b. December 26, 1807; m. Richard J. Berdan.
2. Mary, b. August 5, 1810; m. Francis Doremus.
3. Samuel, b. September 24, 1812; died young.

Peter A. Voorhees, of Preakness, who, in 1846, deeded to the Consistory of the Preakness Church one of the two acres of which the parsonage lot here consists, came to this locality from near Hackensack in 1812. He owned and occupied what has since been known as the Tomkins-Campbell-Cassidy farm, the old mansion house on which, (burned July 4, 1849), it is claimed, in Revolutionary days for a time, sheltered General Washington.

This Peter A. Voorhees was a descendant of Steven Coerte

Van Voorhees, the first of the Voorhees name in America, who was born in 1600, at Hees, Holland, whence he came to America in April, 1660, in the ship *Bonte Koe*, (Spotted Cow), and died February 16, 1684. The village of Hees, in Holland, is near the town of Ruinen, in the province of Drenthe.

Steven Coerte Van Voorhees married three times. By his third wife, Helena Van der Schure, he had a son, Albert Stevens Van Voorhees, of Flatlands, N. Y., b. 1654, who in turn had a son Petrus Albertze Van Voorhies, bap. November 3, 1706, who married May 25, 1734, Geesjean Romeyn, and had issue, Albert P. Voorhis, bap. November 27, 1743.

Albert P. Voorhis, who married Marritje Doremus, bap. January 2, 1743, was the father of Peter A. Voorhis, or Voorhees, of Preakness.

Peter A. Voorhees, of Preakness, b. May 28, 1773, d. June 1, 1860, and who is buried back of the Preakness Church, also married three times. His first wife was Gertrude Berdan, b. March 8, 1771; d. May 30, 1815. His second wife was Catharine Berdan, (a niece of the former), b. March 2, 1789; d. May 4, 1822. His third wife, whom he married May 17, 1823, was Hannah Bush, who died February 29, 1836. He had eleven children, eight by his first wife, and three by his second wife. His first wife's children were: Albert P., b. November 9, 1794; Jacob, who lived in New York; Sarah; John, b. April 13, 1802, m. May 1, 1836, Maria Doremus; Richard, Mary, Peter, Leah. His second wife's children were: George, Harriet, and Albert. Albert P., the oldest of all, died December 2, 1819. He married Christina Berdan. The other son, Albert, b. January 22, 1820, m. July 23, 1844, Eliza Van Tassel, and lived in New York City. He had nine children. Richard, the fifth child of Peter A. Voorhees, b. February 12, 1804, d. June 1, 1888, m. June 5, 1828, Maria Van Saun, daughter of John Van Saun, (son of Samuel), and Hester Van Gelder, and was the father of the Hon. John R. Voorhis, of New York City, in 1902 President of the Board of Elections, and formerly Police Commissioner, Police Justice, etc.

The daughters of Albert P. Voorhees, (who died December 2, 1819), and the granddaughters of Peter A., were Mary and Gitty, or Gertrude, the former of whom married David Hedden, and the latter of whom married Edward Hedden, brothers. Albert P. also had a son Albert, who married Ann Maria Spear. The Voorhees family left Preakness after selling their farm.

There have been other Voorheeses, however, in Preakness, of another branch of the family. Albert Beekman Voorhees, a nephew of the aforesaid Peter A., at one time lived on the present Cahill place, which then included the farm also east of it. This Albert B. came from Paramus some time before 1840, and afterwards went from here to the Ponds. His wife was Mary Schuyler, a daughter of Cornelius Merselis. Albert B. Voorhees was the father of C. Schuyler Voorhees, once of Pompton Lakes, now (1901) of Paterson. Albert Beekman Voorhees's father's name was George, of Arcola, near Hackensack, who was the brother of Peter A. George's, and Peter A.'s father's name was Albert P.

Rev. P. De Witt, of Ponds, had a son Peter, who married Elizabeth Van Riper, daughter of Uriah R. Van Riper, of Preakness, and who lived on the farm, (inherited by his wife), south of the James D. Berdan farm in Upper Preakness, at present owned by the estate of the late Philip H. Kamp, and occupied by Mrs. Kamp, two of her daughters, and her son-in-law, John Ackerman. This Peter De Witt had sons, Peter, John (d. March 1, 1896), and Jacob B. V., d. 1859 or 1860. Jacob B. V. De Witt married Cynthia Chamberlain, and had two daughters, Cynthia and Mary E., and one son, Jacob, dec'd. Cynthia is Mrs. C. Schuyler Voorhees. Mary E. married twice:

1. Alfred E. Hill. One son, Alfred.
2. Fred Hill, of Westwood, brother of Alfred E.

Another family who came to Preakness early in the last century, (1813), and who was here nearly fifty years, exerting a wide influence, was that of Martynes Hogencamp, previously mentioned, who bought the old Dey homestead of the Neafies. He was the first of the name Hogencamp in this section, and was a descendant of Meyndert Hendrickszen Hogencamp, born in Meppel, Holland, and Jannetje Hendricke, who was born at Esopus, New York, but at the time of her marriage, which occurred at Harlem April 23, 1681, was living at the Armen Bouwerye (N. Y. City). The children of this union were:

Hendrick, bap. March 15, 1682; Margrietie (1), bap. December 23, 1683; Jan, in whom we are interested, bap. August 30, 1685; Margrietje (2), bap. October 9, 1687; Marten, bap. November 9, 1690; Anna, bap. April 16, 1693,—all in New York; Meyndert (?); Barbara, bap. April 17, 1700, at Tappan.

Jan, the third child of the family, m. October 15, 1707, at Tappan, Gerretje Van Houten Krom, b. January 10, 1679, widow

of William Florise Krom, and daughter of Theunis Van Houten and Tryntje Klaesen Kuyper. Jan was six and one-half years younger than his wife. From this union sprang Martynes Hogenkamp, b. July 28, bap. October 12, 1714. Martynes Hogenkamp m. Annatje or Johanna Everett, (when we do not know). They had a son Jan, b. October 18, 1747, who married Aeltje Haring, and was the father of the Preakness Martynes. Martynes Hogenkamp, of Preakness, the father of William Sickles Hogenkamp, Sheriff, etc., was born July 4, and baptized August 4, 1771, at Tappan. He died February 24, 1853, aged eighty-one years, seven months, and twenty days. He married Altea or Aeltje Sickles, daughter of William Sickles and Marrietje Kuyper, (we do not know when). Aeltje Sickles was born March 8, and baptized March 22, 1772, at Tappan, and died March 27, 1818, aged forty-six years, nineteen days. A daughter of William S. Hogenkamp, the Sheriff, etc., married Jacob Berdan, son of Garret, of Lower Preakness, and who is therefore the grandmother of the Berdan twins, as we all know them, of our time.

The Post name, we might say, almost from the first settlement of the country, has always been quite common in Preakness; at least many women of this family, first and last, have presided as wives and mothers in various Preakness homes. We have not in our researches come so much in contact with the men of this name, though there must have been a number of them here. Nor can we trace the Post genealogy very well, as the family is so very large. Two lines of Posts are represented in Preakness at present, neither of which can be followed very far back. Not a living Post, male or female, that we have met, can tell, or tell positively, who his or her great grandfather was, which, however, is probably true of most of us, unless there are records or printed works to refer to.

Nevertheless, we give in this connection the name of the emigrant from Holland, from whom the New Jersey Posts are descended. This was Capt. Adrian Post, who was in America as early as 1653, and, being a man of some prominence, held various positions. His wife's name was Claertje, or Clara. They had at least four children:

1. Adriaen, b. about 1655.
2. Margarita, bap. June 6, 1657, at New Amsterdam.
3. Francoys, bap. March 17, 1659. On April 16, 1695, elected



Deacon in Acquackanonk Church, and May 4, 1699, May, 1705, May 9, 1711, and May, 1716, Elder.

4. Geertruyd, bap. August 21, 1663.

Capt. Post died February 18, 1677, at Bergen. Adriaen, his firstborn, (d. before June 10, 1690, Mrs. Post then being a widow), m. April 17, 1677, at Bergen, Cathrina Gerrits, and had at least seven children :

(1) Adriaen, b. January 24, 1678 ; m. April 21, 1701, Elizabeth Merselis.

(2) Gerrit, b. January 1, 1680 ; m. December 25, 1704, Leah Straetmacker.

(3) Claertje, b. December 4, 1681 ; m. April 8, 1703, Peter H. Van Houten.

(4) A son, b. April 2, 1684 ; d. unbaptized.

(5) Annetje, bap. May 16, 1685.

(6) Pieter, bap. April 2, 1688 ; m. November 17, 1710, Catalyntje Beekman.

(7) Johannes, bap. June 10, 1690 ; m. 1713, Elizabeth Van Houten.

Francoys, third child of Capt. Adriaen Post, m. (1) April 22, 1690, Maritje Jacobus ; (2) June 3, 1721, Elena Van Schyven.

By his first wife he had four children, and probably others :

(1) Adriaen, bap. March 29, 1692 ; m. before 1718, Catharina Sanders.

(2) Jacobus, b. — ; m. May 18, 1723, Maria Christie.

(3) Johannes, m. December 25, 1726, Johanna Houwert.

The Preakness Posts are descended from one or the other of these two sons, Adriaen or Francoys, of Capt. Adriaen Post, the immigrant.

Cornelius I. Post, who died in 1854, aged nearly seventy-one, whose wife was Hanna Corcoron, and whose married life at least was all, or about all of it, spent in this neighborhood, was at the head of one of the two present Preakness Post lines. His children were :

Jane, Peter C., Cornelius, Elizabeth, James M., Adrian C., and Tunis. The last two were twins. Only three of these will we otherwise mention,—Peter C., James M., and Adrian C.

Peter C. m. Jane Shannon, and had children :

1. James, m. Mary Dutchess.

2. Elizabeth, m. Harvey Dutchess.

3. Sarah.
4. Samuel, m. Gertrude Gosman.
5. Richard, m. Florence Neill.
6. Hannah, m. Thomas Lloyd.
7. William, m. Lizzie Cass.
8. Carrie, m. William Wallace.
9. John Staats, m. Mary A. Vail.

James M. Post, son of Cornelius I., m. Catharine Post, (no relative), and had children:

1. James Howard, b. 1848; m. Rebecca E. Smith. Three children.
2. David Evander, (Rev.), b. 1852; m (1), 1881, Harriet M. Wheeler, (d. 1892); two children; m. (2), 1893, Kate Ter Willeger; five children.
3. Jacob Judson, b. 1855; m. Nellie Carman; one child.
4. Sarah Hannah, b. 1861; m. Henry Burroughs; two children.

All these children are living.

Adrian C. Post, another son of Cornelius I., m. Sarah Winters, of Ponds, and had children:

1. Susan, m. Leslie C. Waters.
2. Emma, m. Peter Sanford.
3. Catharine, m. George W. Barnes.
4. James, m. Kittie Sanford.
5. Hannah, m. Charles S. Hinchman.
6. Mary, unmarried.
7. William, unmarried.
8. Adrian C., Jr., m. Lizzie Hudson.
9. Charles, died young.
10. Ada, m. Arthur Kamp.
11. Julia, m. James Chadwick.
12. Edward, m. Pearl E. Briggs.

Most of these have left Preakness. Several live in Paterson.

The other line of Posts is represented by Henry C. and his son Cornelius H., of Lower Preakness. Henry C. came from Paterson. His father's name was Cornelius H., who married Rebecca Bensen. Henry C.'s grandfather's name was Henry, and probably his great-grandfather's name also was Henry. Henry C., born April 13, 1828, m. November 8, 1849, Helen Terhune. Children:

1. Helen, b. January 29, 1851; m. William Atchinson, of Paterson.
2. Cornelius H., b. August 17, 1854; m. Sarah Libbie Van Riper.
3. Schuyler, b. April 11, 1856; dec'd.
4. John H., b. September 19, 1858.
5. Edward Bensen.

James Hinchman, the first of the name in Preakness, came here in 1825, from the town of Vernon, in Sussex County, N. J., and settled on what has since been known as the Greaves place, or Green Brook Farm, which in these days includes, if it did not then include, what was once a part of old Domine De Witt's estate.

James Hinchman was the son of John S. Hinchman, M. D., of Vernon, and before coming to Preakness had been a school teacher.

James Hinchman, after buying the Green Brook Farm, owned it until his death. His wife's name was Susannah Simonson. He was the father of fifteen children, six boys and nine girls, most of whom were born in Preakness. John S. Hinchman, of Preakness, the oldest son, was the only one of the Hinchman boys who made their home here any length of time after their marriage. The names of the boys in this family were, in their order, John S., William, Joseph, James, Charles, and Henry. James, Jr., lived for a time in the long house on the hill west of the homestead. Charles went to Australia, and was never heard from but once afterwards, which was very soon after he left home. Henry was drowned June 28, 1847, at the age of twenty, in the Shrewsbury River, Monmouth County, while in bathing. He was a carpenter by trade, and was working then at his trade in that part of the State. James Hinchman, Sr., with several of his family, is buried in the Hinchman family burying ground, across the road from the front of the Preakness Church. The daughters of this man were:

1. Margaret, m. John Stevenson.
2. Kate, m. George Voorhees.
3. Ann, m. James McBride.
4. Susanna, m. William Fleming, who built the house on what has since been known as the Allen place, in the mountain, west of the Green Brook Farm. William Fleming's father's name was Henry, who came from Ireland. His son, and therefore Henry's grandson, Thomas W., is still living in Preakness. Thomas W. married a daughter of James Leigh, of Paterson. Their only daughter, Susie, m. Edgar B. Lupton.

5. Mary W., m. John Crompton.
6. Hattie, m. John Greaves, who afterwards bought the homestead and built largely on it.
7. Pearline, m. — Johnson.
8. Emeline, died young.
9. Carrie, m. Charles Fairweather.

John S. Hinchman, of Preakness, oldest son of James Hinchman, Sr., after marriage, first settled on the present (1902) R. H. Ackerman place, east of the homestead, and at that time a part of it. Subsequently he bought and occupied what is now the Charles H. Tintle farm, and from which the Hinchman family burying ground was afterwards set off. He also built the house on this place, since rebuilt by Mr. Tintle, although there was a house there before, on about the same spot. John S. Hinchman later bought and moved on the place on Singac Brook, below the parsonage, where he spent the greater part of his life. His wife was Maria Speer. His children were:

Susanna, Martha A., James, Charles S., Henry, and Joseph William.

James and Henry died while young men, of typhoid fever, Mrs. Hinchman, their mother, also dying soon after of the same disease. Susanna, who married Fred W. Clarke, and Martha A., who married Joseph Le Jeune, both on the same day, June 24, 1870, are likewise dead. Mrs. Clarke left one daughter, and Mrs. Le Jeune two, who all live in Brooklyn. Joseph W. Hinchman, after his father's death, bought and lives on the homestead. He married Anna Bensen, and has one son, Herbert Joseph. Charles S. lives on another place, (the old Ackerman place), which his father also owned at his death, and left to him and his family. He married Hannah Post, and has children: John S., Mary, Charlotte, Fred, and Theodore.

The Quackenbushes, of Paterson, were once residents of Preakness. Peter Quackenbush, Sr., as we will call him, the father of Peter Quackenbush, (the head of the firm of Quackenbush and Company, who have the leading department store of Paterson), was here with his family most of the second quarter of the nineteenth century. He lived at different times on different places,—being a land speculator, buying and improving property and selling it as he had opportunity. He was born in the City of New York July 30, 1803, and died in Paterson, 1882. Peter Quackenbush, Sr., is a descendant in the sixth generation of Pieter Quackenbosch, who came

from Holland, to what is now Albany, N. Y., in 1660. His line of descent from his emigrant ancestor is as follows:

I. Pieter Quackenbosch, born in Holland about 1639, was a graduate of the University of Leyden, and later a divinity student at the University of Groningen; emigrated, about 1660, from Oostgeest, a suburb of Leyden, to America, being accompanied by his wife, Maritje, his infant son, Reynier, and his sister, Maritje Quackenbosch, (who married Marten Cornelisse van Buren, and one of whose descendants was President Martin Van Buren); conducted a brick business in Albany; had ten children, of whom the eldest was:

II. Reynier Quackenbosch, born in Holland about 1658, lived at different times in Schenectady, N. Y., New York City, and on the lands of the "Castigione Patent," of which he was one of the grantees; married, first, Lysbeth Jane Masten, and second, Claasje Jacobs Stille, and had ten children, of whom the fifth (by his first wife) was:

III. Abraham Quackenbosch, baptized in New York City February 25, 1705; m. Susantje Helling; lived at Tappan, N. Y., and had ten children, of whom the eldest was:

IV. Reynier Quackenbosch, born in Tappan January 30, 1730; served during the Revolution in Kay's Regiment of Orange County Militia, and Col. Gilbert Cooper's Regiment of Orange County Militia, and subsequently was Captain in a Haverstraw Precinct Regiment; m. first, Annetje Van Orden; second, Sarah Duryea, and had nine children, of whom the youngest was:

V. John Quackenbush, born April 27, 1777; lived in New York City; m. Hannah Ackerman; had two children, of whom the younger was:

VI. Peter Quackenbush, born, as we have seen, July 30, 1803, in New York, where he lived until three years of age, when his father died, and the family removed to Yaupaw (now called Oakland). While a young man, Peter Quackenbush learned the tanner's trade with his uncle, William P. Ackerman, at Clifton, N. J. After serving his apprenticeship, he married December, 1823, Hester Demarest, daughter of David D. and Hannah (Van Saun) Demarest, of Preakness. Soon afterwards, the newly married couple took up their abode in Park street, near Bank street, in Paterson, N. J., where the husband started in the leather and findings business, in which he continued for several years. Two children were born to them while living in Park street, Paterson, viz.:

1. Leah Ann, b. December 13, 1824; d. October 30, 1825.

2. John P., b. August 25, 1827; m. November 26, 1851, Caroline Van Saun, b. September 29, 1830, d. September 5, 1902.

In 1827 the family removed to Upper Preakness, first on what is now the Ira Roat place, where they resided a year or more, when, the property on the opposite side of the road being in the market, Mr. Quackenbush bought that, tore down the old house on it, and built what afterwards became Barney Sisco's, but is in these days known as Jackson's Hotel. In this house, before they left it in 1834, the family had an increase of three more children:

3. Ann Maria, b. November 23, 1829; m. October 18, 1848, David Stagg, b. September 29, 1822, d. December 12, 1862.

4. David P., (hardware merchant in Paterson), b. September 20, 1831; d. November 23, 1901; m. February 11, 1863, Charity Ann Van Houten, b. September 4, 1837. Sons: Albert, Edwin, Peter, John D., Frank.

5. Elizabeth, b. August 15, 1834; d. March 11, 1868; m. March 30, 1854, Henry T. Van Iderstine.

In 1836, the interval from 1834 having been spent in Paterson, the family moved to the place now occupied by Charles S. Hinchman, where another child was born:

6. Leah Margaret, b. August 20, 1837; m (1) August 20, 1860, Walter M. Cox, b. September 24, 1837, d. December 2, 1865; (2) December 19, 1866, William Rouchfuss, b. March 23, 1839.

A few years later another change was made to what was then the John Marinus place, but in these days is known as the Barbour place, and occupied by Charles Simonds, where Mr. Quackenbush built the mill that is still there, and where another child was born:

7. Rynier, b. June 17, 1840; married.

In 1842, the Quackenbush family left Preakness and went to Paterson, (Jefferson street), where another, their last child, was born:

8. Peter, b. February 24, 1844; married.

Five years of Paterson life, however, having passed, they came to Preakness again for about a year, 1847-8, locating at the maternal home, the Demarest, or the old Samuel Van Saun place, in Lower Preakness, in these days owned and occupied by A. Laauwe. Returning to Paterson in 1848, Peter Quackenbush, Sr., after

thirty-four years more of active operations, ended his days there, with his children and their families settled around him.

Peter A. Smith, son of Albert Smith, of New Prospect, N. J., came to Preakness from New Prospect about 1830. He united with, and for many years attended, the Pompton Reformed Church, where also he served several terms as Deacon; but on September 4, 1851, with his wife, Sarah Folly Smith, he united with the Preakness Church by letter. His death occurred June 8, 1863, at the age of seventy. His wife died July 5, 1880, aged eighty-three years.

Peter A. Smith's children were:

1. Susan, m. William Welch, of Paterson.
2. Anna, m. Martin Mahony, of New York.
3. Peter D., m. Sarah Hammond, of New Prospect.
4. Martha, m. Henry Magie.
5. Albert, m. Ellen Romaine.
6. Elizabeth, m. Thomas Tintle.

Peter D. Smith died, a Christian sufferer, February 6, 1887, aged sixty-four, after serving continuously as Deacon of this Church from the time he was ordained, in May, 1879. He and his wife were received into the Church on confession June 2, 1876. Mrs. Smith is still living.

Albert Smith, who married Ellen Romaine, died, at the age of forty-seven, June 17, 1879. He was struck by lightning and killed just after returning home with his family from church. He was adjusting a tin leader from the roof of his house to a cistern when he was killed.

Two brothers, Henry and Samuel Daniel, came to Preakness from England in 1830. Later, another brother, Peter, came. Some years afterwards, Henry settled on the Birchenough place, as it is now, in Upper Preakness, and Samuel settled in Lower Preakness, and ultimately moved near to the present Daniel place, by Ira Mitchell's. Henry married twice. His first wife died soon after he came to this country. By her he had four children: John, James, Hannah, and Elizabeth. His second wife was Janette Torbet, a sister of Francis Torbet, the father of Robert M. By his second wife, Henry Daniel had but one child, a daughter, Mary Jane, who was the first wife of William H. Birchenough.

James Daniel, son of Henry, who at one time lived on the present Van Orden place, is still living in Paterson, on Hamburg ave.

nue. Also his sister, Hannah, who married James Dunkerly, is likewise living in Paterson.

Samuel Daniel, brother of Henry, was the father of John, late of Lower Preakness, and of several other children. He was forty years old when he came to this country, and his wife was twenty. The widow Daniel is still (1902) living, at the age of ninety-two.

The third brother, Peter, lived on the Preakness Mountain, back of the present Duncan place. He was not married, or if he was, he had no children.

John Stagg, Jr., as he was called, of Lower Preakness, who owned and lived on the present Henry C. Post place, occupied by Peter Macdonald, in an old house a little north of the buildings of to-day, was the sixth child and fourth son of John C. Stagg, of Sicomac, and came to Preakness before 1838.

The first Stagg in this country was Thomas, whose wife's name was Margaret. He is mentioned in a deed as early as June 30, 1682, and again September 26, 1684. On January 14, 1695, administration on his estate was granted to his widow, he having died intestate. We know of only two children of Thomas and Margaret Stagg, although there may have been others:

1. John, b. at Bergen, East New Jersey; bap. there March 27, 1674.

2. William, b. at New Barbadoes Neck, N. J., as per marriage records, at Hackensack.

John Stagg, son of Thomas and Margaret, m. (1) March 14, 1697, Maritie Bougart, born on Long Island. (2) November 26, 1698, Neeltie Ver Way.

Children: (Order uncertain).

1. Jan, b. about 1699; m. August 1, 1722, Hendrickje Huysman.

2. Cornelis, b. about 1701; m. (1) before 1729, Hendrickje Kool. (2) March 7, 1734, Antje Cristie.

3. Thomas, bap. November 14, 1703, at Hackensack; m. before 1727, Sietje Bruin.

4. Abraham, b. about 1705; m. June 23, 1732, Maritje Bogert.

5. Neeltje, b. about 1708; m. August 28, 1730, Jan Courter.

6. Margaretta, bap. September 20, 1710, at Hackensack; m. before 1727, Peter Sanderson.

7. Isaac, bap. November 2, 1712, at Hackensack; m. September 14, 1738, Agnietje Romein.



8. Jacob, bap. May 22, 1715, at Hackensack; m. August 23, 1739, Antje Vreeland.

9. Jores, bap. October 14, 1717, at Hackensack; m. before 1748, Antjen Idelstein.

10. William, bap. January 24, 1720, at Hackensack.

And possibly a daughter, Elizabeth, b. before 1710.

William Stagg, brother of John, and son of Thomas and Margaret, m. October 23, 1697, Magdalena Brower, b. at Brooklyn.

Children: (Order and number uncertain).

1. Thomas, m. December 23, 1721, Feytje Van Gelder.

2. Elizabeth, m. before 1729, John Ackerman.

3. Lea, m. July 8, 1728, Adam Wesenaer.

4. William, m. March 21, 1731, Elizabeth Hervey.

5. Jacob, m. February 3, 1737, Sarah Valk.

6. Nicholas, m. May 13, 1740, Geesje Francisco.

We have no birth or baptism dates of any of the above.

7. Margrietie, bap. March 3, 1723, at Hackensack.

There were undoubtedly other children, possibly a Sylvestia, or Sylvesteen, a female.

Jan Stagg, Jr., son of Jan, and grandson of Thomas, m. August 11, 1722, at Hackensack, Hendrickje Housman, or Huysman, bap. September, 1704, at Hackensack, daughter of Abram Huysman and Gerrebreght Terhuyne.

Children:

1. Jan, bap. September 22, 1723, at Hackensack.

2. Maria, bap. February 13, 1726, at Hackensack.

3. Neeltje, b. December 2, bap. December 5, 1728, at Acquackanonk.

4. Abraham, bap. June 6, 1731.

5. Thomas, bap. September 23, 1733.

6. Jacobus, bap. November 30, 1735.

7. Cornelis, bap. April 2, 1738.

8. Albert, bap. September 28, 1740.

9. Marytje, bap. November 13, 1743.

10. Isack, bap. August 2, 1747.

The last seven baptisms occurred at Hackensack.

We are not particularly interested in any of these except Cornelis, the seventh child, who died November 13, 1827. He married Margreta Banta, widow of Peter P. Demarest, and daughter of Jan Banta and Sara Demarest.

There were several children born to this couple, but we will pass them over, except John, b. November 14, 1762; d. May 13, 1830. John, or John C. Stagg, as he was called, m. January 16, 1783, Cornelia Van Blarcom, (b. February 11, 1757, d. January 15, 1852), and lived at Sicomac. Children:

1. Cornelius, b. June 28, 1783; d. January 10, 1823; m. — Van Winkle.

2. Sarah, b. December 6, 1785; d. May 27, 1850; m. about 1804, David D. Acker, who died August 2, 1827. She was the maternal great-grandmother of John Neafie, of New York. Issue:

(1) Rachel, b. June 3, 1805; d. November 20, 1873; m. April 2, 1825, John Tallman, Jr., b. September 6, 1806; d. April 14, 1847.

(2) John, b. January 14, 1808; d. May 2, 1866; m. May 22, 1830, Mary Elizabeth Travis, b. February 28, 1815, d. November 25, 1871. These were the parents of John Neafie's mother,—his grandparents.

(3) Eliza, b. September 28, 1810; d. November 1, 1898; m. November 12, 1829, Adrian Van Riper, d. about 1846.

(4) Cornelius, b. December 25, 1813; d. October 18, 1830.

(5) Cornelia, b. December 20, 1816; died years ago; m. Charles Brush.

(6) Margaret, b. August 30, 1819; d. March 22, 1891; m. October 10, 1841, Gilliam Van Houten, b. September 13, 1819, d. May 6, 1863,—killed in the Civil War, while serving as Colonel of the Twenty-first New Jersey Infantry.

(7) David D., b. June 13, 1822; d. March 23, 1888; m. twice,—(1) Maria Vanderbilt, b. about 1822, d. June 5, 1864; (2) Mrs. Julia W. Outcalt Floyd. David D. Acker was the head of the firm of Acker, Merrall, and Condit, one of the two leading grocery houses of New York City.

3. Isaac, b. February 20, 1788; d. November 1, 1861; m. Maria Van Houten, (b. at Ponds, October 5, 1791, d. April 29, 1866). Mrs. Ann Osborn, b. Oct. 1, 1812, a daughter of this Isaac Stagg, is still living, in her 91st year, on Broadway, in Paterson, with her daughter.

4. Margaret, b. July 19, 1790; d. March 12, 1846; m. Court Lake, of the Ponds.

5. David, b. October 14, 1792; d. February 8, 1816; m. Trientje Van Houten.

6. John, b. April 24, 1795; d. November 18, 1871; m. Bridget

Romaine, (b. July 12, 1804, d. October 21, 1877), daughter of Ralph Romaine, from under the High Mountain, (North Haledon), who was born March 20, 1767, d. March 3, 1852.

7. Jacobus (James), b. December 23, 1797; d. January 8, 1840; m. Sally Westervelt. She married second, William Haring.

8. William, b. March 1, 1800; d. August 16 (?), 1859; m. Catharine Geroe, sister of Benjamin Geroe, b. August 12, 1804, d. October 29, 1871.

9. Albert, b. September 9, 1803; d. October 7, 1877; married and lived first at Wyckoff, and afterwards at Spring Valley, Bergen County.

The issue of John Stagg, Jr., the sixth of these children, were:

1. David, b. September 29, 1822; d. December 12, 1862; m. Ann Maria Quackenbush, sister of David and Peter Quackenbush, of Paterson.

2. Maria, b. August 5, 1824; m. November 28, 1846, Henry K. Berry.

3. Bridget Ann, b. August 26, 1829; d. December 3, 1856; m. John N. Jacobus, of Paterson.

4. Cornelia, b. February 3, 1832; m. William H. Hopper, of Upper Preakness.

5. Abraham, b. August 25, 1834; m. (1) Catharine J. Van Winkle; (2) Letitia Van Winkle (sisters).

6. Sarah Margaret, b. October 8, 1836; m. Isaac Fredericks, of Paterson. These were all baptized in the Second Totowa Church. The following were baptized in Preakness:

7. Sophia, b. August 27, 1838; m. Albert Bensen, of Totowa.

8. John Ralph, b. April 1, 1840; m. Evaline Young.

9. James, b. July 25, 1841; m. Anna Haines.

10. Benjamin, b. December 28, 1843; m. Rachel Bogert.

11. Catharine, b. April 24, 1845; m. Edo V. Cadmus, of Dundee.

12. Jacob, b. July 12, 1846; m. Catharine A. Snyder.

The last six of these were born in Preakness, and three, Maria, Sophia, and Sarah Margaret, have spent all, or a considerable part, of their married life here. John Stagg, Jr., the father of these children, was at different times Deacon, Elder, Sexton, and Treasurer of this Church.

The Hon. Robert M. Torbet has been a resident of Preakness since 1842. He is one of nine children, most of them born in

Scotland, whose father, Francis Torbet, of Stony Wood, in that country, emigrated with his family to America in 1836. The family first settled at Morristown, N. J., and afterwards at Paterson. In 1842, Mr. Torbet came to Wayne Township, on the farm where his son Robert M. still resides. He died in 1879. Robert M., born in 1834, and hence two years old when the family came to America, in 1859, married Miss Mary A. Tintle, of Bloomingdale, N. J., and is the father of two children, Mary F., who married Ira Roat, and Frank T., who married a daughter of William Vernon, of Paterson. Mr. and Mrs. Torbet are Baptists, but their children are both members of the Preakness Reformed Church, the son Frank T. having served several times as Deacon.

Mr. Torbet has graded and built more of the macadamized roads in Wayne Township than any other one man or company, and perhaps more than all others together. He has also done considerable such work in the Township of Manchester, and in the city of Paterson. Otherwise, too, for many years, he has been a public man, filling time after time various township offices, as well as serving two terms in the State Legislature. His son, Frank T., is with him on the farm, and runs it.

Abram Garside, who married Esther Stott, came from Lancashire, England, to Paterson, and from there, in 1844, to Preakness, settling on the present Melvin Garside farm. The old stone part of the house on this place, in Revolutionary days, was called "the little house in the woods," and some of Gen. Lafayette's officers were quartered in it when he was at the Van Saun house.

Of the children of Abram and Esther Garside, six died in infancy. The others were:

1. Elizabeth, dec'd; m. Capt. Coventry, a veteran of both the Mexican and the Civil wars.

2. Melvin, m (1) Mary Underwood. Two children: Fred, who married and lives in Newark; Mary, died in infancy. (2) Susan C. Beardsley. Three children: William B., Susie C., Mary Esther.

3. Milton, m. Margaret Gall. Children: Elizabeth, m. Willard Hocroft; Mabel; Jessie, m. James Ratcliffe; Alexander J.

Thomas Tintle, son of Charles Tintle, of Bloomingdale, N. J., and brother of Mrs. R. M. Torbet, December 6, 1851, married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Peter A. Smith, of Preakness, and after that came to Preakness to live, spending most of his married life on

the farm known as the Cornelius Folly place, which he bought, and which the family still owns. The place is located on what used to be the old Paterson and Hamburg Turnpike, east of the present Upper Preakness schoolhouse. Some years before Cornelius Folly owned it, the place was owned and occupied by another man by the name of Folly, a cousin of the other, who kept public house there.

Thomas Tintle died January 3, 1897, aged seventy-one years, seven months, and nine days. His children are: Charles H., Peter J., Della, who for two or three years was Church Organist, and Nettie. The Tintles are of Hessian stock.

The first Bensen that we know anything about was Hans, of Tappan, N. Y., who, (or whose father, perhaps), came from Long Island in the latter part of the eighteenth century. This Hans Bensen married a Lydecker, and had at least four sons and two daughters. Two of his sons in time of the Revolutionary War were Tories, and on that account had to remove to Canada, where their descendants remain. David, probably the youngest son, who was born at Tappan, was about nine years of age when Washington's army, in passing through that part of the country, crossed his father's rye field, and so badly cut it up that the query with the family was, as to what they should do the next year for bread; but as the result of what was supposed would be the entire destruction of the crop, that field the following season produced a most enormous yield of rye. The family afterwards removed from Tappan to Vernon, near the New York line, in Sussex County, N. J., and resided there a few years, when they again changed their residence to Paterson, or Totowa, locating on the site of where the Laurel Grove Cemetery now is, the house on the place being about where the present entrance to the cemetery is, and where Hans died. The locating of the family at Paterson, or Totowa, must have been in 1787 or 1788, as David was then about twenty-two years old, and he died in 1862, aged ninety-seven years and six months. This would bring his birth in 1764 or 1765. David Bensen, son of Hans, shortly after the death of his father, in 1794 or 1795, married Elizabeth Van Houten, and made his home on the corner of Mulberry street and Broadway, in what has since been known as the Macklomee (?) house, where at least his first two children were born. His children were: Johannes, b. December 27, 1795; Derrick, or Richard, b. October 28, 1797; Molly, b. February 24, 1800; Rebecca, b. September 4, 1804.

David's older brother, Johannes, who remained in the States,

married Maria Westervelt; and had one son, Jacob, b. January 21, 1790, who afterwards went to New York to live.

Richard Bensen, b. October 28, 1797, the grandson of Hans, and son of David, was a blacksmith by trade. For many years he lived in a house which, until recently, after the city was laid out, stood in Water street, between the West street and Main street bridges; and, as he prospered in his business, he accumulated land in Totowa, a few acres at a time, until he had in all about one hundred acres, a tract which he afterwards sold to the city of Paterson, and which is now known as the Paterson City Poor House Farm. A year or two, or three, however, before selling this tract, Richard Bensen moved to his father-in-law's place on the left bank of the Passaic, above the falls and near Lincoln Bridge, where eight or ten years later he died, (January 29, 1875).

Richard Bensen, of Totowa, married Ann Zabriskie, (b. August 22, 1802, d. November 18, 1877), and had children:

David, b. October 7, 1823; Rachel Ann; John, b. October 30, 1829, died young; Albert, b. December 19, the Church records say December 14, 1831; John, b. June 21, 1839; Elizabeth; Cornelius, b. June 21, 1843; Richard.

About the time the city of Paterson bought the Bensen farm, David, the eldest son of Richard, in 1865, removed to Preakness, and the next year his brother Albert came, the former settling on the old Martin Van Winkle place, a quarter of a mile or so south of the parsonage; and the latter on the Cornelius Kip place, just north of it, and adjoining the parsonage lot.

David Bensen, son of Richard, m. Jane Van Houten, of Paterson, and his children are:

Richard D., m. Anna H. Ackerman, of Dundee Lake; Ella; Albert D., (generally called "Junior," in distinction from his uncle Albert), m. Kate Van Dalinda, of Paterson; Cornelius D., m. Jennie Walling, of Preakness; Charity Ann; Jennie, dec'd.

Father and sons live on adjoining farms. None of the daughters married. Jennie died November 23, 1891.

Albert Bensen, Sr., brother of David, m. Sophia Stagg, of Preakness. His children are:

Anna, m. J. W. Hinchman, of Preakness; John Albert, m. Addie H. Gregory, of Haledon; Mary, m. Robert S. Martin, of Preakness; Richard, m. Kittie Neill, of Paterson. Richard lives in Paterson. John A. occupies the homestead with his parents. Both

David and Albert Bensen have at different times served in the Consistory of this Church, and Albert is still serving as Elder.

Warren Mitchell, who married Elizabeth Blain, came to Lower Preakness in the spring of 1864 or 1865. He originally hailed from New Hampshire; but came here directly from Wayne County, Pennsylvania. He first occupied the place now owned by his son Warren B., east of the Dey homestead, and a few years later, thirty years ago or more, bought the J. G. R. Van Winkle place, of the latter's son, which place he occupied until his death. Mr. Mitchell served for a while as Elder in this Church, but subsequently changed his church relations, and worshiped at Little Falls. His surviving children are:

Mary, m. Henry Van Houten; Warren B., m. Delia —; Emma, unmarried; Myra, unmarried; Ira A., m. Anna Ryerson; Abby, m. Rev. George W. Furbeck.

Warren Mitchell had a brother Marshall, who was killed in the woods of Wayne County, Penn., by a limb or tree falling on him. Marshall Mitchell's wife's name was Lucinda A. They had a son Warren A., who for years has been a resident of Preakness, and a daughter Lydia, who married J. A. Jacobus. Mrs. Warren A. Mitchell's name was Hattie I. Allen. There are several children: Ida, Ada, and Nettie.

Isaac W. Blain, brother of Warren Mitchell's wife, Elizabeth, came to Preakness in 1867, from Vermont. Mr. Blain bought and for many years occupied what was known as the Cornelius Kip place, in Lower Preakness. Ever since he has been in Preakness, he has been a strong supporter of the Church, and a particular friend of the minister.

Henry Gibb, who married Margaret Munn, of Glasgow, Scotland, came from there to New York in 1857; from New York to Paterson in 1866, and a year later, in 1867, to Preakness, where Mrs. Gibb, in 1889, died, and where Mr. Gibb yet remains with their one child, Harry, who married Josephine Weyman. These people were Scotch Presbyterians; but while Mrs. Gibb could get around, (she was about twenty years an invalid), they had sittings in, and attended, the Preakness Church. Mrs. Gibb, however, after being incapacitated, in her own way did considerable unostentatious Christian work, especially among the young people, who were drawn to her, and at one time had a Sunday School in her own home. She was a woman of refinement and culture, of energy and piety.

William H. Birchenough came to Preakness as a young man from Paterson, in 1869. His father's name was John, who came to Paterson from England in 1852, and lived there until the closing years of his life, which he spent with his son's family. William H. Birchenough m. (1) Mary Jane Daniel; (2) Mrs. Effie Tout, *nee* Van Duyn, of Montville, N. J. He had four children by his first wife: Harry, Frank, dec'd, Louisa, Mary. And six by his second wife: Ruth, Arthur, John, dec'd, Ella, dec'd, Robert, dec'd, Alice. Mr. Birchenough has generally been interested in the political affairs of the township and county, and has held some offices.

Robert Martin, Sr., father of the late Robert Martin, (d. July 20, 1902), came to Preakness about 1841. He first lived near where David F. Duncan's present tenement house stands, then for a while where August Dotterweich now lives, until he bought where the family has since lived, near Mr. Duncan's. Mr. Martin's wife's name was Sarah Clark. His children were: Robert, Jane, James, John, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah. Robert, Jr., the eldest, remained on the homestead. He married Hester Sutcliffe. His children are: Frank, m. Emma M. Van Riper, dec'd; Robert S.; Erminie, dec'd; Walter, died young; Margaret ("Daisy"). Frank has had seven children, six of whom are living, and Robert S., who married Mary Bensen, has had three, two of whom are living.

David F. Duncan, b. 1846, in Paterson, who married September 7, 1868, Elizabeth Graham, of North Haledon, came to Preakness on February 2, 1870, and located where he has since remained, on what was then the John Hinchman place, but which before that had been known as the William H. Hopper place. The John Hinchman here referred to was the son of Robert, the brother of James, and the son of John S. Hinchman, M. D., of Vernon. David F. Duncan has but one child, Linnie Jane, who, May 24, 1898, married Charles Frederick Day, son of J. Frank Day, formerly of Preakness, now of Brooklyn, and who, with his wife and two children, now makes his home with his father-in-law.

Mr. Duncan's father was James Duncan, who came to America from Scotland, and his mother was Jane Torbet, a sister of Hon. Robert M. Torbet, and daughter of Francis Torbet. He has been and is much interested in educational matters, first in the district and latterly in the township, having been generally school trustee, but now one of the Board of Education for Wayne Township.

Henry Vail, born in England, son of John Vail, (who arrived



in this country and settled in Brooklyn, when Henry was a year old), came to Preakness with his family from Fairfield, Essex County, about 1871, and settled, a mile or so west of the parsonage, on the farm on which he afterwards lived and died, and which he bought of Van Djen Benson. Mr. Vail, during his residence in Preakness, was prominent and influential in township and school affairs. His wife was Leah Ellen Budd, of Two Bridges. Mr. Vail's death occurred on December 2, 1901. Six daughters are living: Mary Anna, for several years our Church Organist, m. John S. Post; Louisa Ethlen, a professional nurse; Sarah B., m. Augustus Mowel; Kate B., her twin sister, our present Church Organist; Fanny Irene, m. Fred Berdan, son of James D. Berdan; and Lena. All make their home in Preakness, except the eldest, who lives in Paterson, and Louisa Ethlen. Kate B. lives with the Mowels, above the homestead, on the hill. Mr. and Mrs. Berdan occupy the homestead, and Mrs. Vail and her youngest daughter make their home with them.

About thirty years ago Philip H. Kamp, of New York City, bought of the late John De Witt, the farm lying south of the James D. Berdan farm, in Upper Preakness. Mr. Kamp immediately removed his family to this locality, and spent the rest of his days here. He died November 22, 1900, aged seventy-five years. Mrs. Kamp, who was Rachel Washburn, is still living. Children:

1. Priscilla, m. William Winters.
2. Ella, m. Joseph Marion.
3. Arthur, m. Ada Post.
4. Irene, m. John Ackerman.
5. Charlotte, unmarried.

William Cahill came here with a large family from Stockholm, N. J., in 1872, and purchased of Benjamin Magie, who had owned it about seven years, what was known as the Schuyler farm, once the homestead part of the old Cornelius Merselis property, in Upper Preakness. The Cahill family is now much scattered, but the widow, with her youngest daughter, Jennie, together with a grandson, Isaac, remain on the homestead. Children:

1. Martin, m. Elizabeth Williams.
2. Edward, m. Ella Till.
3. Sarah Francis, m. John Williams, brother of Elizabeth.
4. Arminda, m. Whitfield Van Houten.
5. Mary, m. William Brown.

6. Alice, m. Frank Mabee.
7. Elizabeth, m. Henry J. Post.
8. Clara, dec'd; unmarried.
9. Charlotte, m. Joseph A. Roome.
- 10...Emma, unmarried.
11. Jennie.
12. William, m. Alice Matthews.

The homestead part of the old Johannes De Riemer (Doremus) place, in Lower Preakness, afterwards the Samuel Van Saen, and then the D. D. Demarest place, in 1874, was bought of Mr. Floyd, by John H. Weyman, (d. July 28, 1892), who at that time came from Paterson to Preakness to live. Mr. Weyman married Catharine Ochs, born in Germany, and had four children. One daughter, Catharine, m. William Wolf, of Brooklyn. Another, Josephine, m., in 1886, Harry Gibb, of Preakness. Still another, Lavinia, in 1891, m. Aaron Laauwe, who has since occupied, and now owns, the place.

William Laauwe, father of Aaron and other children, came from Holland to Paterson June 10, 1866, lived in Paterson a year or so, when he came to Preakness, and in 1880 bought and moved on the farm back of the Weyman place, and which originally had belonged to it. He is now again in Paterson, having sold his farm to Fred Sikkema.

John Grundy, who married Anna Potts, came with his wife from Cheshire, England, to America in 1869. He was for a while in Newark, about a year in Bloomfield, two years in Paterson, and a year at Franklin Lake, when he came with his family to Preakness, and after a year or two bought and settled on Preakness Mountain on what was known as the Petry place, which is still the family home. Children: Herbert, dec'd, Absalom, Louis, Samuel, Anna, Lyman William, Elizabeth, Arthur. Absalom is the principal of the Haledon High School. Anna is a trained nurse. Elizabeth is a teacher in the Haledon High School. Mr. Grundy has been a silk weaver; but at present makes a specialty of fruit raising.

J. Frank Day and family came to Preakness before 1879. Mr. Day taught school in Upper Preakness for several years, and also afterwards; while still living in Preakness, taught two or three years in Bloomingdale. Latterly he farmed. While here, as will be noticed elsewhere in this work, Mr. Day was prominent in Church and Sunday School affairs. His brother Alfred and family likewise lived in Preakness several years. Mr. Day, in 1892, went

to Brooklyn to live, where, however, he had lived already for a time, before coming to Preakness. He was soon followed by his brother Alfred's family. Another brother, Doctor Day, had taught school in Upper Preakness before J. Frank taught. His home has been in Brooklyn for many years. The father of these brothers and of at least two daughters was Anthony L. Day, of Stockholm, N. J. Charles Frederick Day, son of J. Frank, married David F. Duncan's only daughter.

In 1878, Daniel C. Winters, of Camp Gaw, bought the Richard J. Berdan place, so called, in Lower Preakness, and came to Preakness to live. George W. Winters, his son, who married Ella Howard of Fairfield, now lives on the place with his family. Charles W. Winters, another son, married Nellie Benson, daughter of Richard D., and lives at Mountain View.

The family of William H. Mowel, consisting of himself, wife, and three sons, Augustus, Christopher, and Rud Gue, came from New Paltz, Ulster County, N. Y., to Preakness November 4, 1879, to take charge of the plant of the Rend Rock Powder Company, which, for a number of years, had been located in the western part of Preakness, among the hills; but which, after being blown up in 1893, was transferred to the vicinity of Tarrytown, N. Y., where the main works are situated. Mr. and Mrs. Mowel, a year or two later, removed to Pine Brook, and their youngest son and daughter-in-law to Newark, although all four, as well as Christopher and his family, are at present (1902) living in Newark. Augustus, the oldest son, in 1889, m., as we have seen, Sarah B. Vail, of Preakness, and remains here. He has served several terms as Deacon of this Church, for a year as Treasurer, and another year, (April, 1896-7), as Clerk.

A. E. Anderson, who came originally to this country from Sweden, has been a resident of Preakness for about twenty-one years. Fourteen years ago he married Mrs. Susan C. Kimble, *nee* Fredericks, of Stockholm, N. J., and has since lived on the old John (son of Edo) Merselis, afterwards the Mindert Maby, and later the Garret P. Haring place, in Upper Preakness. He has several children. Mrs. Anderson, who had several children also by her first husband, is the great-granddaughter of D. D. Hennion's daughter Eleanor, who married Henry Frederick. Henry Frederick had a son John, who had a son James I., the father of Mrs. Anderson. Isaac W. Blain has for several years made his home with the Anderson family.

George Van Houten came to Lower Preakness from Totowa in 1891, buying the farm which Albert Terhune owned, and had lived on for a number of years. Mr. Van Houten's father's name was Henry I. Van Houten, of Totowa, who married Ann B. Doremus, and whose children were:

1. Elizabeth, m. John Wilson.
2. Richard, m. Hester L. Jacobus.
3. Margaret, m. James A. J. Bogert, and they were the parents of Mrs. C. K. Berry. Mrs. Bogert, after the death of her husband, married again, and became the second wife of John Wilson, widower.
4. John, m. Jane Elizabeth Bogert.
5. Sarah, m. Ephraim M. Van Ness.
6. George, m. Maria C. Newkirk.
7. Henry, m. Mary Mitchell, daughter of Warren.
8. Catharine A., m. Martin H. Berry.

George Van Houten's and Maria C. Newkirk's children are:

- (1) Henry, m. Ellen Fletcher.
- (2) Edward, m. Ida Mitchell, daughter of Warren A.
- (3) Annie, m. Alvin Decker.
- (4) Minnie, m. Charles Devor.
- (5) Mattie, m. Lambert J. Van Vessen.
- (6) Lavinia, unmarried.
- (7) Tillie, dec'd.

In this connection, as our work goes to press, we insert a few Van Houten records, just found in an old Dortrecht Bible, 1736, at George R. Berdan's, in Lower Preakness. Others can follow them down as they see fit. The records are as follows:

1741, June 23, Gerrebrand Van Houten married Jannetje Syp.

1742, July 10, O. S., son Derrick born.

1746, July 19, O. S., daughter Gerritje born.

1749, February 4, O. S., daughter Metje born.

Garrabrandt Van Houten died April 23, 1789.

Derrick Van Houten died December 1, 1810.

Jacob H. Nellis, a Palatine descendant, came to Preakness in the fall of 1899, from Canajoharie, N. Y., and, with his family, consisting, besides himself, of his wife and four children, has since occupied the Isaac W. Blain farm in Lower Preakness. Mrs. Nel-

lis was Clara L. Ostrom, of Glen, N. Y. Children: Louise, Margaret, Joseph, Anna.

Many families, both early and late, for want of time and space, we are obliged to pass over, except as they are mentioned, or individuals in them are mentioned, in the body of the work, or in the Church records.

## CHAPTER IV.

## EARLY PREACHING, PREACHERS, AND CHURCHES, IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF PREAKNESS.

According to the Memorial Discourse of Rev. J. V. N. Schenk, delivered at the opening and dedication of the Reformed Church at Pompton Plains November 22, 1871, "The first preaching anywhere in this region, of which we have positive record, was at the Ponds, about the year 1710, by Rev. Guiliam Bertholf, who, in 1694, was settled over the Churches of Aquackanonk and Hackensack, and remained there for about thirty years, or until his death." Dr. Corwin, in his Manual, tells us that Bertholf, for the first fifteen years of his ministry, was the only Dutch preacher in New Jersey. He had, in fact, the spiritual charge of all the Dutch inhabitants of the State. He officiated regularly, through his whole ministry, at all the surrounding churches, even at Tarrytown, on the east side of the Hudson. He was, in his day, the itinerant apostle of New Jersey. His connection with the Ponds Church was only as stated or occasional supply, with some other brethren from the City of New York and vicinity, who, at far separated intervals, probably rendered all the services enjoyed in that church, from 1710-24.

From the Historical Discourse of Rev. William B. Van Benschoten, of Wyckoff, in 1869, we learn that Bertholf came to Hackensack with the early immigrants from Holland, in the capacity of *voorleser*, or catechizer, and schoolmaster. The Church at Hackensack was already organized (1686), but as yet had no pastor. Bertholf led in their services, and so pleased the people, that they desired him to go to Holland to be licensed and ordained as their minister, which he did, the congregation paying his expenses. He was licensed and ordained by the Classis of Middleburg, as pastor of the Churches of Hackensack and Acquackanonk September 16, 1693, his labors not beginning until the following year. This, according to Corwin, (Manual p. 24, Third Edition), was the first example of the kind in the Dutch Church in America, if we except the case of Samuel Megapolensis, 1658, who was sent over *privately* by his father. The name Acquackanonk, in the Indian

tongue, according to Van Benschoten, means "a place where gum blocks were made, or procured, for grinding corn,"—gum wood being a species of very hard wood, from which also husking pegs were once made. Nelson's definition, however, is "near where fishing is done with a bush net." It is said of Bertholf, "that he was in possession of a mild and placid eloquence, which persuaded by its gentleness, and attracted by the sweetness which it distilled, and the holy savor of piety which it diffused around." (Corwin's Manual.)

The domine was likewise a farmer in a small way, having purchased of John Berry, of Hackensack, thirty-seven acres of land May 4, 1697, lying near Hackensack; and this was most probably his home. He died in 1724, leaving a numerous family of children. One or two of his sons settled near Ponds, and all of the name of Bartolph, in Bergen County, are his descendants. (Van Benschoten.) Rev. J. H. Bertholf, at present one of the ministers of our Church, is one of his descendants.

The first building used for divine worship in this section, was a log church, situated just south of the new part of the present, or on the old burying ground at the Ponds. But when erected, or how long thus employed, we cannot tell. Before its destruction, however, it is known to have been used as a cattle shed. It was the first, and for years, the only church building in New Jersey, above the Passaic River, or north of Acquackanonk; and in the time of Rev. Henricus Coens, successor of Bertholf, was called the church "to noorde, *i. e.*, on the north. There were no churches of any denomination at this date either in Rockland or Orange counties, New York, except the one at Tappan.

The Rev. Henricus Coens came to Acquackanonk in 1725, and, together with that church, served Second River, (Belleville), and Pompton, (Pompton Plains),—an out-station of the Ponds Church since 1713,—until 1730; when, for five years, from 1730 to 1735, he likewise served Ponds, until his death February 14, 1735.

Dr. Messler, in his "Memorial Sermons and Historical Notes," p. 254, says:

"Henricus Coens seems to be as little known as almost any minister who has ever exercised his gifts in the Dutch Church. His name does not occur in any of the published documents which we have seen; nor are we able to state when he came from Holland. It must have been as early as 1725, for in that year he is found ministering in the Churches of Acquackanonk, Belleville, Pompton and

Ponds; and he continued his ministry among these people for five years. He wrote to Holland a detailed account of the troubles in the Churches of Acquackanonk and Belleville, (or Second River, as it then was called). He died in 1735; but when and where his remains were interred, we are not able to say. His ministry and death both antedate our published minutes, and hence there is no trace of him excepting the record of the churches where he labored."

The next minister at Acquackanonk was the Rev. Johannes Van Driessen, who came there from Kinderhook, N. Y., September 10, 1735, in connection with Pompton (Pompton Plains); while he also served Ponds and some other churches as stated supply until 1748.

After Acquackanonk and Ponds, in this section, was Fairfield, (Horse Neck), organized, 1720; Pompton, (Pompton Plains), 1736; although there had been preaching there, (perhaps in school-houses or dwellings), for nearly twenty-five years; First Totowa, 1756; Montville, or Persippány, 1756; and Stone House Plains, 1801.

The people of Preakness in those early times, attended religious service in their order most likely in all these churches, according to locality, except possibly, Montville, or Persippány.

In William Nelson's "History of the Old Dutch Church at Totowa" (page 10), we are informed that when only the Churches of Acquackanonk and Ponds were in existence, Totowa, Paterson, Preakness and Pompton Plains, were represented in the Acquackanonk Consistory by the Van Gysens, Peterses, Vreelands, Van Winkles, Van der Becks, etc. In 1719, David Hennion, (David Danielson Hennion), from Upper Preakness, was elected Deacon in that Church, and in 1730, Cornelis Doremus, who settled in Preakness in 1723, (Georges Du Remos, was the one who was a partner with Cornelius Kip), was elected Deacon in the same Church.

The Church at Fairfield, or Horse Neck, organized 1720, for forty years, until 1760, was supplied only by neighboring pastors, among them Bertholf, Coens, Van Driessen, and Marinus, the ministers of Acquackanonk, Ponds, and Pompton, and the last also of Totowa; and perhaps likewise for a little while by G. Du Bois, who was pastor at Acquackanonk 1724-6, and C. Van Santvoord, who was settled at Second River (Belleville) 1730-2.

Dr. Welles informs us ("Pastor and Church," pp. 61, 62), that at the organization of the Reformed Church of Pompton, or Pompton Plains, and until 1748, all the region of country within the



bounds of the congregations of Pompton, Pompton Plains, Ponds, Preakness, Montville, Fairfield, Little Falls, Totowa and Paterson, formed one ministerial charge, Bertholf, Coens and Van Driessen being the ministers.

After the old log church at the Ponds fell into disuse, when Van Driessen, the successor of Coens, came, in 1735, who styled himself "ordinary minister at Acquackanonk, and extraordinary at Pompton," the country had so settled up, and the people were in so much better circumstances, that a small new church was built for the accommodation of both these congregations,—*i. e.*, Ponds and Pompton, or Pompton Plains,—near the Pompton Steel Works, or rather between the Colfaxes and Pompton Lock, at the junction of the Pequannock and Pompton rivers, where there was a convenient ford. This church was dedicated by the pastor April 7, 1736. His text for the occasion was a singular one: *Song of Solomon, 1:7,8*, "Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon; for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions? If thou know not, O fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents." (Van Benschoten).

The new church was organized as the Reformed Church of Pompton by the election of Peter Post and Paulus Van der Beck as Elders, and John Hennion and Martin Berry as Deacons. Pompton is an Indian name, meaning, as Van Benschoten says, "crooked mouth," having reference to the Ramapo and Ringwood, or Wanaque, emptying into the Pompton River." Nelson, however, says, there is no basis for this meaning,—that the meaning of Pompton is not at all clear. Mrs. Terhune (Marion Harland) says Pompton means, "a meeting of the waters."

In 1738, this Church at Pompton had a membership of seventy-two. "Whether at that time worship continued, and a distinct organization existed at the Ponds, is not known. If not, its discontinuance was brief. This movement did not give satisfaction to the people living around the Ponds, and especially on the side towards Wyckoff." (Van Benschoten.) The people of Ponds attended the Union Church two or three years, when they determined to have a sanctuary again of their own, near the old site. The present site, after some deliberation and changing of plans, was at last selected, and a stone church, hexagonal in form, roof of the same shape, gallery across one end, seats around the walls, and

the centre, occupied with chairs, with the names of the occupants upon the backs, was built. The new Ponds church was erected between 1740 and 1748, "and for the times, was a first-class structure, far superior to the one at Pompton, and showing both ability and interest on the part of the people." (Van Benschoten.)

In 1748, on account of certain irregularities, Van Driessen's labors closed in this field, with his being silenced as a minister, and we know little more of him. It is uncertain whether he ever preached in the *new* Ponds church.

The Rev. David Marinus followed Van Driessen in 1752 as pastor at Acquackanonk and Pompton; while in 1756, when the First Totowa Church was organized, all three Churches made out a new joint call for him. He was pastor of the First Totowa Church only about six years, when his labors closed also at Pompton (near the Steel Works); but he continued as pastor at Acquackanonk, as well as at Pompton Plains, in a *new* church, which the Coetus party built there for him, and where he preached, until he removed to Kakiat, now West New Hempstead. Marinus lived in his own house at Totowa, owning a farm there between the Falls and Hamburg Avenue, and was a person of considerable ability. His labors likewise were fairly successful. Already some of the people of Preakness, who had been going especially to Acquackanonk, began to attend at Totowa.

The reason Marinus stopped preaching at the Pompton Steel Works, and had a new church built for him at Pompton Plains, was as follows:

Owing to the strong desire on the part of many of the American Churches to have young men ordained to the ministry in this country, instead of in Holland, as had been the custom in years past, there gradually grew up a division in the Reformed Church, and the sides took the names of the Coetus and Conferentie parties. The Coetus party were the progressionists, and wanted ordinations performed in America. The Conferentie party adhered to the old way; and the feeling at one time ran high. This region, of course, felt the agitation, as other parts of the country did, and there was general division and embitterment, not only in Churches and congregations, but among neighbors, and between members of the same families. In 1762, the Coetus party of Pompton, Preakness, and the surrounding country, which was all the time increasing, withdrew from, or were put out of, the Pompton church, and built, as we have stated, a church for themselves on the Plains, near probably

where the people had formerly worshipped, which church stood for nine or ten years only, and in which Domine Marinus was the only minister. This church was located about where the present church on the Plains stands, and where the new one, as it was afterwards, was erected in 1771. The present church on the Plains was built in 1871, after the old structure had stood one hundred years. Domine Marinus, while preaching at Pompton Plains, continued to live at Totowa, (although he had changed farms), as he also served the Acquackanonk Church, until 1773. All of his name in this vicinity are his descendants. Mrs. Richard Henry Ackerman, of Upper Preakness, whose maiden name was Hester Marinus, is the domine's great-great granddaughter.

In 1762 also, when the Coetus party in this neighborhood withdrew, or were driven out of, the church at Pompton, a call was made by those known as the Conferentie party in the Churches of Totowa, Fairfield, and Boonton or Montville, on the Rev. Cornelius Blauw, who, during his pastorate, lived at the Two Bridges, in the old Reformed Church parsonage there, which stood on the left bank of the Pompton River, between the Two Bridges and Mountain View, on the very spot where the house occupied by the late James Monroe Demarest (b. 1817) stands, and where his widow, and son and family still live (1902). The front door knocker, some of the window casings, sawed off a little, and the red sandstone blocks in the south wall of the Demarest house were appropriated from the old parsonage, which was taken down in 1850. The principal part of the old house, except the front, which was of red sandstone, was built of rough fieldstone, all the stonework being laid up in clay. The structure was a story and a half high, about thirty-six feet long, by twenty wide, and fronted south. There were four rooms in it, besides the cellar kitchen, which was very large, in which Domine Blauw lived and studied, and in which his wife died. The house was never finished during Blauw's pastorate, but was finished later, probably in 1776, for Rev. Hermanns Meyer, afterwards Dr. Meyer, who came to labor at Totowa, Fairfield, and Pompton, or Pompton Plains, in 1772. Dr. Meyer, for the most of his pastorate, occupied the whole house. In addition to the cellar kitchen, there was a room on each floor each side of the twelve-foot-wide hall, both up and down stairs, which, on the lower floor, had double doors, one above the other at both the north and south ends. There were four windows in front, on the first floor, two on either side of the front door, with arched brickwork over them, and four

dormer windows on the second floor. The west room on the second floor was Domine Meyer's study, and was finished off with boards. There were two windows only on the north side of the house downstairs, and none on the second floor. A piazza was put on this side when Mr. Demarest's grandfather owned the property. The two, and only two, ministers who lived in this parsonage were Revs. C. Blauw and H. Meyer, afterwards D. D.,—the former from 1762-8, and the latter from 1772-91, in which latter year he died. When the house was taken down in 1850, it was supposed to be 100 years old. On an old board in the stairway, on the first landing, were the figures 1776, written on it with red chalk, accompanied by the words, "John Vreeland, his handwriting, written by the light of the candle, daddy and Hendrick Van Houten standing by." (On authority of the late James M. Demarest.) This stairway was supposed to have been put up when the house was finished for Domine Meyer. Dr. Meyer, it is said, married a great many couples in this historic house, in the wide and roomy front hall downstairs. After Domine Meyer's time, the property was sold to Abram Ryerson, Mr. Demarest's grandfather. All the old iron work in the house, including the nails, was blacksmith work. The farm in connection with it, consisting of about fifty acres, was taken off of an adjoining farm owned by a Mr. Jacobus. Domine Meyer bought eleven acres more while he lived there. Mr. Demarest's father, John M. Demarest, once a member of this Church, as his son and daughter-in-law were, built the house, in 1850, that stands on the spot now. He for some years had a private or select school there. One of his pupils, who finished her schooling in that school, was Mrs. Henry Vail, of Preakness, formerly Leah Ellen Budd, then of that neighborhood. Mr. Demarest before this had taught the District School in Lower Preakness, and was considered a superior teacher. Many yet living in Preakness and elsewhere unanimously bear this testimony.

Domine Blauw, while living at Two Bridges, kept no horse (he seems to have been very poor), and the people of his different congregations took him back and forth to his various duties. Naturally, being so near to the church at the Steel Works, which was known as a Conferentie Church, the people there, or in that congregation, looked to him for the services they needed. Blauw therefore likewise served this Church with all his other charges, for the time that he lived at the Two Bridges, which was for five years or more, until he removed to Hackensack; after which, Pomp-

ton, as it was then, or the Steel Works congregation, never had another pastor. The Church is these days known as Pompton was built and organized almost forty-five years later, in 1813-15.

About this time, or soon after, the parties into which the Reformed Church as a denomination was divided, came together,—the matter of ministerial ordination in America being settled, the Coetus party gaining the day; and there was a general burying of the hatchet, which, on every hand, was certainly a very great cause for rejoicing. The favorable thing which concerned the inhabitants of this section in this regard was the coming together again of the two congregations at Pompton and Pompton Plains, or the Coetus Church on the one hand, and the Conferentie Church on the other, both of which really were styled the Church of Pompton. On this union, the Pompton Church at the Steel Works, to which many Preakness people went, after standing about thirty-five years, in 1771, was abandoned; while the one on the Plains, in which Marinus preached, was sold for other purposes and removed, and a new structure, of proper size, for the accommodation of both congregations, was built on the Plains, on the present site, on land already deeded to the Consistory, in 1767-70, by Colonel Theunis Dey, of Preakness. This location was chosen in preference to the old one at the Steel Works, for one reason because the Ponds people for whom that in part had been built, were no longer with the Pompton, or Pompton Plains, people, and for another, because the original preaching station had been on the west side and not on the east side of the river. While this arrangement suited most of the families in Pompton and Pompton Plains, it could hardly have suited those living in Preakness quite as well as if the new church had been erected on this side of the river.

Ponds, in 1748, after the building of their new church, united with Paramus, and called the Rev. Benjamin Van der Linde. Domine Van der Linde was a man of learning and ability, very large and commanding in appearance, and exceedingly particular in his dress. He married a Miss Schuyler, of Pompton. His labors were immense, embracing a territory of fourteen by twenty square miles. He was born in 1717 or 1719 at Pollify, near Hackensack, N. J., where his grandfather settled as early as 1686, studied under Dorsius and Goetschius, and was licensed by the Coetus convened in New York City April 26, 1748. He preached at Paramus and Ponds for over forty years, and for the last five years of his life also at Saddle River. He died July 8, 1789, seventy years of age.

Ponds had his ministrations only every fifth Sunday, and paid \$125 of his \$300 salary. But the Paramus people furnished him also with firewood, the use of forty-five acres of land, and a parsonage. He preached but once a Sunday, and devoted his afternoons to catechetical instruction. (Van Benschoten.)

Of course, the preaching in those days, and yet for some time, was all in Dutch, and Van der Linde preached in Dutch. English was not very much spoken as early as that among the Hollanders in these parts. Some of the Preakness people, who attended the Ponds Church in Domine Van der Linde's time, and before that, were the Berdan and Van Riper families on Berdan Avenue, which highway, extending across the mountain, was one of the earliest roads laid out in this region.

In 1772, as we have noted, the three Churches of Totowa, Fairfield, and Pompton (Pompton Plains), called the Rev. Hermanns Meyer, afterwards (1789) Doctor of Divinity, who served all three Churches until 1785, although it seems that in 1779 and 1780, one Matthew Leydt, or Light, who preached then at Belleville, also preached at Fairfield, doing so no doubt for Mr. Meyer's relief. In 1785, Domine Meyer gave up his labors altogether at Fairfield, and continued to serve only the Churches of Totowa and Pompton (Pompton Plains), until his death in 1791. At his death, he was widely lamented, and was buried under the pulpit of the Pompton Plains Church. He was a man of learning and ability, and for the last few years of his life, was a professor in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church.

In 1789, Petrus Leydt, or Light, brother of Matthew Leydt, and a student of Dr. Meyer's, was ordained and installed over the Churches of Penne or Ponds, Kekiet, or West New Hempstead, and Ramapo. Leydt's pastorate lasted until 1793, about four years. His ministry, though short, was much blessed. He died in 1796, of consumption. The Leydt brothers were sons of the Rev. Johannes Leydt, of New Brunswick and Six-Mile-Run, or Franklin Park. The family is now extinct.

The same year in which Rev. Petrus Leydt, on account of his health, had to give up his duties, *i. e.*, in 1793, the Rev. Stephen Ostrander was called to the pastorate of the Churches of Pompton (Pompton Plains) and Parsippany (Montville), where he remained, living at Pompton Plains, until 1809. The Ponds Church, after Leydt's ministry closed, was vacant until 1798, when the Rev. Peter De Witt was called to the pastorate of that Church

in connection with the preaching station of the same Church at Wyckoff. Wyckoff was not organized as a Church until 1822; but a preaching station of the Ponds Church, as one had originally been at Pompton Plains, was started there in 1798, as soon as De Witt came in the neighborhood. This brings us down to the year in which the old Church of Preakness was built. De Witt, who supplied here at Preakness some, remained the pastor at Ponds until he died in 1809.

Totowa, after Dr. Meyer's death, did not have another pastor until 1799, a vacancy of eight years occurring, when the Rev. H. Schoonmaker was settled over that Church in connection with Acquackanonk. Schoonmaker remained in his charge until 1816. Fairfield was without regular preaching, so far as we can learn, from 1785, when Domine Myer dropped it, until 1801, when for another sixteen years, it was supplied only by the Rev. John Dur-ye, who likewise, for a little while, supplied Preakness.

## CHAPTER V.

## THE OLD CHURCH, AND THE EARLIEST PREACHERS IN IT.

We have now, in a cursory way, gone over all the preliminary history of this Church, or the religious history of the neighborhood and vicinity. We have confined ourselves to as brief notices as possible of the various changes, simply to give an idea,—and a bare outline idea,—of the growth and relations of the community out of which the Church in this place at last sprung. We do not know of any preaching station in Preakness before 1798, although it is probable that preaching was enjoyed here in schoolhouses and in private dwellings previous to that date. The oldest schoolhouse that we can learn anything about in this region stood, it is said, in Upper Preakness, above the Roat farms of this day, and beyond where the Andrew Conklin house is now, on an old road, at present (1899) unused, extending from the public highway,—the old Pater-son and Hamburg Turnpike, near the eastern entrance to the Samuel Briggs place on the hill,—to the old Dirk Van Riper place. A new road has since been put through here, not quite on the same course, passing the Van Riper, or George Roat farm house as it is now, and coming out on Berdan avenue north of the A. P. Hopper residence. Mrs. Andrew H. Van Riper, however, says that this schoolhouse was further up towards Pompton, not far from the main road, in the meadow, almost opposite the said Samuel Briggs house, near an old well by the roadside, which is still in use. Possibly a schoolhouse at different times stood on *both* these spots, being moved from one to the other,—from the former to the latter place, as we believe. Said schoolhouse, or schoolhouses, on either or both sites, as may have been the case, therefore, one after the other, was or were, older than the old Preakness Church; and there may easily have been preaching in it, or in both of them, after the Pompton Steel Works Church was no more.

There may have been preaching, too, and this is very probable, in some schoolhouse in Lower Preakness, as it was customary in olden times to use schoolhouses for preaching services on the Sabbath, as well as sometimes on weekday evenings. The oldest schoolhouse in Lower Preakness that we can get any trace of, stood just below the Isaac Van Saun house on the Preakness Race Course



property, on the opposite side of the road, somewhere between Peter J. Doremus's private entrance and the bridge. (Mrs. J. R. Berdan.) Also, no doubt, private houses likewise were used at times, as it suited for the same purpose.

Nevertheless, the people of Preakness, toward the close of the eighteenth century, began to feel the need of a consecrated building in their midst in which to hold religious worship. We do not question but that for years the spot had been marked, and in a general way the location had been selected where the people of the Valley, both of the Upper and Lower portions, desired their House of God to stand. The site eventually chosen (or available) was, and still is, a commanding one, near the centre of the valley, at the southern end of the Upper Preakness plateau, or gravel flat, from which you can see and be seen from almost all parts of the Valley, north, south, east, or west,—a spot, moreover, which was as accessible to all the old Dutch inhabitants, (and they were nearly all Dutch in those days), as any it may be, that could have been set upon.

Church Lane, as we call it, used to begin near the foot of the hill below the church and ran north. It was a continuation of the road from Totowa, across the brook, and past the front of the house of the late John S. Hinchman, through and across the lots west, and over the hill back of the parsonage barn, coming out at the corner of Charles H. Tintle's field, by the bog. Another road branched off from this at the top of the hill, on the south side of the church, past the present row of horse sheds, in the direction of what *we* call the John Campbell place; and there was a branch from this somewhere to the Vail place, and over the hill, called the Saw Mill road, to the saw mill in the valley on the other side, where the Yan place is, and which was afterwards extended to the Black Oak Ridge road. This road from the church for a long time was private, and was obstructed by several sets of bars, which, later, for greater convenience, were made to give way to gates. Back of the parsonage barn, a road also branched off from the Totowa road, on the line between what are now the Post and Walder properties, running due south through where the parsonage barn and parsonage stand, to Lower Preakness. There was no road then where the present road is from the parsonage to the foot of Church Hill, and none from the corner in this road to the entrance of the John Campbell place.

We have no record of the movement which started the building of the old church, except the copy of an old subscription list, which

said copy bears the date of 1805, together with a longer list without date,—from which evidently the other was taken,—and both of them, as far as the names and amounts subscribed go, appear to be in the same handwriting. Of course, these give some light, though very meagre and unsatisfactory.

Probably the movement of the choice of location, as well as of the building of the church edifice itself, took shape only by degrees, and without any particularly organized effort other than the general desire which led to natural coöperation. In common also with a number of churches in early times, in this part of the country, the congregation and house of worship were here in Preakness before there was any separate religious organization, or the congregation owned any land for their place of worship to stand on. The copy of the old subscription list here referred to is in pounds, shillings, and pence, and is as follows:

“A true copy taken from the subscription list for the purpose of building a church.”

	£	s	d
Saml V. Saun.....	10		
Cor. Kip.....	10		
Isaac V. Saun.....	10		
Phi. Dey.....	6		
Christaan Shurte.....	5		
James Westervelt.....	4		
Cornelius Kint.....	3		
Jacob Doremus.....	3		
Peter T. Doremus.....	2		
Abr. Ryerson.....	2		
Garret V. Riper.....		8	
John Hopper.....	1	4	
Henry Mead.....		16	
Roelif Doremus.....	1	4	
Aughty Doremus.....	1	10	
Henry Kip.....	1	4	
Rich'd Kip, Jr.....		8	
David Dey.....	10		
Sophia V. Houten.....	2		
Philip Doyle.....		16	
Rich'd. Dey.....	10		
Nich's. Kip.....	3		
Cornelius Doremus.....		16	
	—	—	—
	£88	6	0
Rulif gecobes.....	1	4	10
	—	—	—
	£89	10	10

The last name evidently was written by the subscriber himself. All the other names are in the same handwriting.

On the back of this paper, along with the accompanying calculations, is this endorsement:

“On the 10 day of December 1805 Cornelius Kip Produced his accounts and vouchers Respecting the Collection of his District. I find that he has by his Vouchers paid the sum of thirty seven Pound 10/2 in cash, twenty seven Pound 11/7 in credit to him turned in and Twenty five 3/5 un Collected. I find a ballance in his favour the sum of 14/4.

“JOHN VAN WINKLE.”

The calculations below are in our own way of putting them :

	£	s	d
Cash .....	37	10	2
Less amt overpaid .....		14	4
	—	—	—
	36	15	10
Credits .....	27	11	7
Uncollected .....	25	3	5
	—	—	—
	89	10	10

On this paper, it will be seen are twenty-four names, and, so far as we can judge, all of them being of people who lived in Lower Preakness, where also Cornelius Kip lived, who is said to have “produced his accounts and vouchers Respecting the Collection of his District.”

The second paper, from which, without question, as we believe, the former names, except those of Sophia Van Houten and Rulif gecobes, were taken, has, with these, and the amounts specified, just as they are, a great many more names and amounts, together with additional subscriptions, more or less for all, in *materials*, as well as in money. We cannot account for Sophia Van Houten’s name being on one paper and not on the other. But Rulif gecobes’s name plainly was written by himself on the first paper after the copy of it was made. The names of people who lived in all parts of the territory covered by the congregation in those days are unquestionably found on this second paper, while the amounts contributed certainly indicate a very high average of financial standing, not to say great liberality and willingness.

On the first paper, which contains twenty-four names, the aggregate amount or total in money is observed to be about \$225, an average of almost \$10 per subscriber, \$125 of it being given by five persons, who each contributed £10 or \$25 (reckoning \$2.50 to the £), and this, as we have intimated, too, in addition to what was afterwards given in *materials*. When, however, we take into account the purchasing power of money in those days, and its com-

parative scarcity, along with the greater difficulty of securing or earning it, it is really a marvel that so much could be contributed for the purpose for which it was given, in a rural district, such as Preakness is and always has been. No wonder the old Preakness church was built without any at least *organized* aid from outside, or from any Church Board or Fund.

The other paper to which allusion has been made, as we have said, is without date. The amounts also are in pounds, shillings, and pence. We will not give the paper in its entirety, as it is quite elaborate, but we will furnish simply the names, the amounts subscribed in money, and the aggregate amounts, that is, money and materials together, when contributions of both kinds were made.

The paper then is as follows:

Names.	Money subscriptions.			Total money and materials together.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Phi. Dey .....	6	0	0	..	..	..
Rulif V. Houten .....	3	0	0	3	..	..
Jacob B. Doremus .....	5	0	0	5	..	..
Michael Doremus .....	3	0	0	3	..	..
Henry J. Spear .....	2	0	0	..	..	..
Henry Cocoro .....	1	12	0	1	12	..
Jacob Van Riper .....	4	0	0	4	..	..
Corn's Veeder .....	2	0	0	1	..	..
Corn's Kint .....	3	0	0	3	14	6
Henry Mclean .....	1	0	0	..	..	..
Corn's V. Houten .....	2	..	..	..	16	..
Wm. Drummond .....	1	12	..	..	10	10
Corn's Hennion .....	3	0	0	1	4	5
Jacob Doremus .....	3	0	0	3	0	0
Peter T. Doremus .....	2	0	0	2	..	..
A. Ryerson .....	2	0	0	2	0	..
Garret V. Riper .....	..	8	0	..	8	..
John Hopper .....	1	4	0	1	4	..
Henry Mead .....	..	16	0	..	16	..
Corn's Doremus .....	..	16	0	..	16	..
Rulif Doremus .....	1	4	0	1	4	..
Aughty Doremes .....	1	10	0	1	10	..
Henry Kip .....	1	4	0	1	4	..
Nich's Kip .....	..	8	0	..	8	..
Phi. Doyle .....	..	16	0	..	16	..
Rich'd Dey .....	10	0	0	10	0	0
John V. Riper .....	..	16	..	..	16	..
David Brower .....	6	0	0	6	12	9
Ad'r'n V. Houten .....	..	8	0	..	..	..
John Ackerman .....	1	0	0	..	..	..
Rich'd V. Riper, Jr. ....	..	12	0	..	12	..
Garret V. Riper .....	..	8	0	..	..	..
Adrian Short .....	3	10	..	..	..	..
Tunis Spear .....	4	0	0	6	..	4
Abr. Spear .....	1	0	0	2	5	6
John V. Winkle .....	10	0	0	15	..	..
Isaac V. Saun .....	10	0	0	13	2	6

	Money subscriptions.			Total money and materials together.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sam'l V. Saun .....	10	0	0	13	7	2
David Demarest .....	15	0	0	20	3	7
Peter Demarest .....	5	0	0	7	4	9
Wm. Tierman .....	10	0	0	13	17	9
John G. Doremus .....	12	0	0	15	14	2
David D. Hennion .....	6	0	0	8	7	8
Henry Hennion .....	5	0	0	7	5	9
Tunis T. Hennion .....	..	..	..	2	16	9
Hassel Hennion .....	1	0	0	1	11	4
Jacob V. Riper .....	5	0	0	5	4	..
Benj'n Spear .....	3	0	0	3	4	10
David Brower .....	12	0	0	20	19	3
John V. Houten .....	3	0	0	5	..	9
James Ackerman .....	..	..	..	1	17	6
Nich's Kip .....	3	0	0	5	8	..
David T. Hennion .....	..	..	..	3	..	..
David Dey .....	10	0	0	12	8	11
Chris'n Shurte .....	5	0	0	6	8	6
John Merselis .....	15	0	0	21	3	9
Corn's Merselis .....	12	0	0	18	8	9
Abr. Ackerman .....	..	16	0	..	16	..
Adrianna Merselis .....	25	0	0	32	9	6
Jacob Berdan .....	10	0	0	15	11	..
Albert Berdan .....	10	0	0	15	4	9
Uriah V. Riper .....	6	0	0	10	18	8
Corn's Kip .....	10	0	0	13	16	8
James Westervelt .....	4	0	0	5	9	9
Rich'd V. Riper .....	12	0	0	17	2	6
Henry B. Spear .....	10	0	0	11	19	..

You will see that this makes a grand total of money £322, or \$805, and, with materials added, that is, not separately, but together, £420, 14s., 10d., or \$1,050.

Both of these lists, therefore, and not merely one of them, evidently are copies. If one, or the first, was not copied from the other, or the second, then both were taken from some other list or paper; and the copies may have been, and probably were, taken several years after the subscriptions were originally made, as they did things very slowly in those days. While in proof of what we say, at least in part, we have another paper, executed a few months earlier than the one, and it may be both copies,—a paper which relates to the *debt* on the church, and is of course supplementary to the original subscriptions,—in which paper, too, another subscription, along with the other, is incidentally referred to. This third paper is as herewith given:

“at a meeting of the Consistory of the Preakness Congregation on Saterdag the Twenty fourth Day of august 1805.”

"WHEREAS, The said Consistory find that the Church of Preakness is indebted a sum of Money to the Machanacks and Labourers for their Work they have Done to the said Church the Consistory have concluded to Raise a sum of Money by Tax to Tax Every Person According to His Estate to be taken from the assessor List and they have appointed James Ackerman and Cornelius Kipp to call upon every Person in the said Congregation to see how many Will subscribe their Names to Pay their share of the said Debt according to their Estate."—Nicholas Kip.

"The Consistory Likewise have agreed that all former contracts and agreements shall be and Remain as the Where heretofore agreed upon except the subscription Left in the hands of Cornelius Merselis and Uriah Van Riper that shall be Null and void by order of the Consistory.

PERSONS NAMES.

NICHOLAS KIP,  
 CORNELIUS MERSELLIS,  
 CORNELIUS KIP,  
 THOMAS J. GILLILAN,  
 THUNIS I. HENNION,  
 WILLIAM WOODS,  
 HENRY RIDNER,  
 CONRAD RIDNER,  
 MICHAEL DOREMUS,  
 ROILLOF VAN HOUTEN,  
 HENRY SHOEMAKER,  
 JAMES ACKERMAN,  
 JACOB B. DOREMUS,  
 DAVID I. HENNION,  
 GARRET MERSELIS,  
 ALBERT BERDAN, JUN.,  
 RICHARD VAN REYPER,

PERSONS NAMES.

ISAAC VAN SAUN,  
 SAMUEL VAN SAEN,  
 JOHN VAN SAUN,  
 GEORGE H. DOREMUS,  
 HENRY KIP,  
 NICHOLAS KIP, JU'R,  
 JAMES ACKERMAN, JUN.,  
 JOHN COURTER,  
 HENNERY A. HENNION,  
 ANDREW VAN ORDER,  
 WILLIAM TEARMAN,  
 JOHN VAN NURDEN,  
 CORNELIUS ECKERSON,  
 JOHN T. HENNION,  
 HENRY COOPER,  
 URIAH VAN RIPER.  
 CORNELIUS GARRASON,

The result of this action evidently is seen in another paper, which we next quote:

"Dec. 25, 1805."

"At the Request of Consistory and agreeable to subscription an estimate proportion of all the subscribers to the Subscription list for the purpose of Raising a Sufficient Sum to Dis charge the several debts of Preakness Congregation to Different persons such as Machanicks and labourers in building the Church in the aforesaid place of Preakness the Different sums are made out According to their rateable property agreeable to the Duplicate of State Taxes taken from the columns whereon to levy:"

	Whereon to levy. Dollars. Cents.		
Nicholas Kipp .....	14	4	48
Samuel Van Saun .....	18	5	70
John Van Saun .....	15	4	80
Peter Bush .....	12	3	84
Isaac Van Saun .....	20	6	40
Abr. Blauvelt .....	9	2	88
Nich's Kipp, Jr. ....	14	4	48
Henry Kipp .....	11	3	52
John G. Van Riper .....	11	3	52
Corn's Kipp .....	15	4	80
John Van Winkle .....	18	5	70
John Van Norder.....	9	2	88
William Tierman .....	15	4	80
Cornelius Acker .....	10	3	20
Henry Hennion .....	24	7	68

	Whereon to levy.	Dollars.	Cents.
Tunis I. Hennion .....	23	7	36
David I. Hennion .....	17	5	44
Thos. Gillilan .....	14	4	48
Henry Cooper .....	34	10	88
James Ackerman .....	12	3	84
James Ackerman, Jr. ....	4	1	28
Cornelius Merseiles .....	38	12	10
Garret Merseiles .....	39	12	42
Albert Berdan .....	27	8	64
Jacob Berdan .....	27	8	64
Uriah Van Riper .....	20	6	40
Rich'd Van Riper .....	31	9	92
Rich'd Van Riper, Jr. ....	7	2	24
William Woods .....	6	1	92
Coonraud Ridner .....	15	4	80
Henry Ridner .....	4	1	28
Andrew Van Norder .....	56	17	92
Michal Doremus .....	3	..	95
John T. Hennion .....	7	2	24
John D. Van Blarcum .....	15	4	80
Isaac Van Blarcum .....	15	4	80
Martin H. Berry .....	35	11	20
	<u>\$664</u>	<u>\$212</u>	<u>.23</u>

"at 32 cents out of the Dollar."

May 16th, 1806.

Received of Mr. Hodsen .....	\$1.00
Henry Shoemaker paid .....	1.00
Benjamin Speer paid .....	2.00
Black tone paid .....	.25

Whether all paid the amount assessed in the instance here given we have no means of knowing. Some amounts are marked "paid," some "paid in part," some more than the assessment, and others have crosses and others marks by them which it is very difficult for us to understand—in fact, which we cannot understand. But it is presumed that all the *assessments* at least were paid. At any rate, none are marked "not paid." We doubt, however, whether a method like this of raising money nowadays for church purposes would be either agreeable or successful. On what basis the tax levies were made, of course, we cannot tell.

This, with the exception of the paper below, is all the information we have in regard to erecting and paying for the first Preakness Church edifice, up to 1811; but what we have is certainly satisfactory as far as it goes.

Here is a copy of the paper referred to:

"I promise to bear an Equal Proportion in Collecting the due bills given by divers Inhabitants in the Congregation of Preakness

NOTE.—The adding up of the columns of figures on this paper is not correctly done. We give only the correct results.

to the Consistory of Precaness and their successors in office, as witness my hand this 19 May 1808.

“CORNS. MERSIELES.”

The original church building in Preakness, the result of this effort, erected on land not yet deeded to the people, was of rough, unhewn stone, laid up in mortar, made of hard clay, with straw intermingled with it, and was erected, as shown by the inscription stone built in the back wall of the alcove of the present structure, in 1798, on the very spot, a part of it, where we are to-day worshipping. The old church, (said the late John S. Hinchman), was neither so long, wide, nor high as the present one. It had no vestibule, and no alcove as this one has. The large double doors, in front, about where those are we now have, over which was an immense semi-circular glass window, opened directly into the audience room, and would admit of the passage of a horse and wagon through them. In fact, one was, it is said, once backed in through them during a thunder shower, as they were not locked. The old church was surmounted at the front end by a small, low, brownstone tower, raised a little higher than the peak of the roof, and above this was open framework, in which a diminutive bell, about the size of a locomotive bell, was exposed to view; while yet above this was a shingled spire or steeple, with a rod rising from it, on which was a gilded ball and a weather-vane, representing the angel Gabriel blowing his trumpet. The bell, we are told, was sold, on the tearing down of the structure, and placed in some country schoolhouse not far away. There were several poplar trees standing near the church, from the roots of which, as they disappeared, one or two successors have sprung up, and still stand. The front door-sill of the church was very low and close to the ground; and before it was a large flagstone. There were three windows on each side of the old church, two in front, one each side of the doors, and one also each side of the pulpit, back of the church, all of them rounded at the top. Three galleries were in the old church, on the east end and on either side, four benches deep, the approaches to which were by stairways, in the front corners of the audience room; and at the foot of these stairways were doors, added later. Under each side gallery was a row or line of pews, running lengthwise of the church to the stairways, on which the boys and youths were accustomed to sit. In front of these lines of pews, which were a little higher than the others in the church, was a passageway or aisle, on either side of the room, affording entrance to the other pews, which were boxed,



with high backs and doors; while there was also an aisle in the middle of the church. There were pews likewise each side of the pulpit, the Elders and Deacons occupying the same relative positions as now, the pews back of whom were considered the best in the building. The pulpit, which was very high, was shaped somewhat like a huge wineglass, with sounding board over it, and had room in it for only one person at a time, who entered his perch by means of a spiral staircase from a platform raised one step above the church floor. This old pulpit, when the church was taken down, was bought at public sale by the Sexton, Peter C. Post; but what has become of it since we do not know. The ceiling of the building was slanting from the peak with the roof, and was boarded with boards running across the rafters lengthwise with the church, and these were painted white. There were no carpets in the old church, and only here and there a stray cushion in the pews, of various designs, colors, and fillings, some of them being stuffed with feathers. The church at first had no stoves in it, other than individual footstoves; but later a single box stove, with long pipe almost the length of the room, stood directly in front of the pulpit, and sometimes made it exceedingly warm for the minister. Even after this, some of the people still held on to their footstoves; and once upon a time through the upsetting of one of these, the church came near being burned up. It is said that Mrs. Martin H. Berry, mother of the late H. K. Berry, was accustomed to leaving her footstove all the week in her pew, replenishing it after entering the building each Sunday with fresh coals from the church stove; and that on the particular Sunday referred to, going out of her pew after service, without her knowing it, she upset her footstove, as is supposed, by her dress brushing against it, when the coals came out and charred the floor over quite a spot, but which was not found out until the following Sunday. There being no draught in the church, fortunately for all concerned, the fire did not blaze enough to make a conflagration. Mr. Samuel Demarest, of Paterson, says that little fires like this occurred in the church several times.

The pulpit chair of the old church, the only one the pulpit contained, and which was used by all the ministers here up to the time of Domine Staats, and by him for a number of years, is still in existence, in a good state of preservation, in the possession of Mrs. C. Schuyler Voorhees, formerly of Pompton Lakes, but now (1902) of Paterson, a great granddaughter of Domine De Witt, who very highly prizes it. It is an ordinary, old-fashioned, straight,

high-backed, rush-bottomed chair, at present painted white, but formerly having a grayish hue.

In the County records of Bergen County at Hackensack, we find that Edo Marselis, of Preakness, on June 7, 1799, deeded to David Demarest, Samuel Van Saun, Richard Van Riper, Jacob Berdan, Henry B. Spear, and John Van Winkle, and all the rest of the builders of the Church of Preakness, for the consideration of twenty shillings good and lawful money of the State of New York, a parcel of land two chains wide by five chains deep, containing one acre.

This acre comprises the present grounds about the church, together with the old burying ground back of it.

It will be noticed from this presentation, that the deed here mentioned was given after the church was built, that is, the following year, the church being built in 1798, and the deed executed in 1799. Moreover, the language of the deed implies this, when, after a number of names, is added the clause, "and all the rest of the builders of the Church of Preakness,"—there being yet no organization, but, so to speak, only a cage for the bird when it should be ready for it.

The description of this parcel of land is thus made in the deed :

"All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in Preakness in said county of Bergen, Beginning at the distance of Eighteen links from a chestnut tree standing on the main road on a course South eighty three degrees West, it being the South East corner of the land of Said Edo Marcelis, thence extending first South sixty-six degrees West five chains, thence North sixteen degrees West two chains, thence North sixty-six degrees East five chains, thence South sixteen degrees East two chains to the place of Beginning, containing one acre."

This deed was signed, sealed, and delivered June 7, 1799, in the presence of David D. Demarest and Adrain Van Houten, before C. Merseiles, one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, of the county of Bergen, and a son also of the grantor, and was received in the Clerk's office and recorded at Hackensack April 29, 1816.

We observe that the oldest tombstone inscription directly back of the church is that "In memory of Edo Merseiles, who departed this life October the 12th, in the year of our Lord, 1799, aged seventy years, eight months, and fifteen days,"—the very same, we are

told, who, about four months before, conveyed this acre of ground to the worshipping community.

The next oldest inscription in the same old burying ground is, "In memory of David Van Blarcom, who departed this life December 31st, 1801, aged seventy-one years, two months, and twenty-five days."

From the minutes of the Classis of Bergen, (deposited in the Sage Library, New Brunswick, N. J.), under date of April 20, 1801, "Art. xii: Extension of the Church," we have secured the following:

"A representation and petition of eighty-five heads of families living at *Prakeness*, was laid before this Classis, earnestly requesting to be organized into a Congregation. The Classis, having taken this subject into mature consideration, conceive that from the complex situation of this people, partly belonging to the congregation of Panna," (now Ponds), "Pompton, and Totowa, the most prudent measures ought to be pursued and adopted. And, whereas, said people lay on the extremities of the Classis of Paramus and Bergen, and from reports there appears to be a dissatisfaction on the part of the Congregation of Totowa; notwithstanding the congregations of Pompton and Panna have given their full consent."

"Resolved, that to avoid rashness and precipitancy they refer this business to the next Particular Synod," (New York) "asking their advice and decision, hoping at the same time that they will determine to what Classis said people shall be attached when duly organized. Nevertheless, this Classis in the mean time authorize any of the ministers belonging to this body to supply said people when by them requested."

At this meeting of the Classis, which took place at Bergen, we note in attendance the Rev. P. De Witt and Elder Jacob Berdan, the latter being probably the same to whom, among others, the deed of Edo Merselis was given in 1799.

It may be stated here that the Reformed Churches all through Northern New Jersey and a part of New York State, were at one time comprised in the extinct Classis of Hackensack, which was organized in 1772, and which, in 1800, was divided into the new Classes of Paramus and Bergen. The minutes of the Classis of Hackensack, which are well preserved, from May, 1778, to August 20, 1799, are in Dutch, and from that time until the dissolution of Classis, in English. You will find them in the Sage Library, at New Brunswick. Seventeen Churches were under the jurisdiction of this Body in 1778. Thirteen of these were located in New Jersey, viz: Paramus, Pompton, Totowa, Acquackanonk, Hackensack,

(two), Schraalenbergh, (two), Second River, Persippany, Ponds, Bergen, and English Neighborhood." The other four, in New York, were (Orange county, now Rockland), Tappan, New Hempstead and Kakijat, in Orange County, (now Rockland), besides one on Staten Island, which was under the pastoral charge of the minister at Bergen. ("Annals of the Classis and Township of Bergen." By Rev. B. C. Taylor, 1856, p. 26).

On page twenty-nine, of the same work, we read that when the Classis of Hackensack was divided into the Classes of Paramus and Bergen, "the Classis of Paramus was to consist of the following Churches: Tappan, New Hempstead, Kakijat, Hackensack and Schraalenbergh, (under Dr. Solomon Freligh's charge), Ramapough, Paramus, Acquackanonk, and Totowa,—nine congregations."

"The Classis of Bergen to consist of the Churches of Hackensack, and Schraalenbergh, (under the charge of the Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn), Second River, Bergen, Horseneck, Pompton, English Neighborhood, Ponds, Persippany (subsequently known as Boonton, now Montville),—also nine congregations."

To account for the discrepancy here noticed, viz: two Classes, of nine congregations each, being formed out of one of seventeen congregations, we observe that a new Church had been organized at Ramapough, now Mahwah; while to take the place of the one on Staten Island, which was transferred to the Classis of New York, the Church of Horseneck, or Fairfield, was brought over from a neighboring Jersey Classis into the Classis of Bergen.

It will be seen from this that it was somewhat difficult to teil to which Classis the Church of Preakness, when organized, should really belong. But the Particular Synod seems to have easily solved the difficulty. For the very next entry we find in the Minutes of the Classis of Bergen, which met at Hackensack November 17, 1801, is as follows:

"Case of Prakeness: Whereas, the people inhabitants of the neighborhood of Prakeness applied to this Classis at their last session, held in the town of Bergen, to be organized into a congregation; and whereas, this Classis judged it most prudent to refer the case to the Particular Synod to be held in New York, on the second Tuesday in November inst., for their decision; And whereas, the said Synod have granted the request of the said applicants, and directed the Classis of Bergen to form them into a congregation; therefore

"Resolved, that this Classis appoint Rev. Messrs Stephen Ostrander and John Duryee, each with an Elder, for the said purpose, on the first Sabbath in December next, and report to this Classis at their next ordinary meeting."

"Ordered also that on Tuesday, the first day of December next, the

Elders and Deacons be elected, and that the Rev. Stephen Ostrander attend said meeting and preach a sermon on the occasion.

"Ordered that the clerk furnish the people of Prakeness with a copy of this resolution."

This was done, as we learn from the minutes of the next session at Pompton, (Pompton Plains), April 27, 1802. Art. xiv., Extension of Churches: "Rev. Messrs. Stephen Ostrander and John Duryee reported that they had, according to the injunction of Classis, organized the Congregation of Prakeness."

In consequence of the above report of Messrs. Ostrander and Duryee, Nicausey Kipp, Elder from Prakeness, took his seat.

From *Taylor's Annals*, page thirty, we further learn that to the Churches already named as constituting the Classis of Bergen, there were afterwards added by new organizations Preakness and Stone House Plains, in 1801; Pompton, 1815; Newfoundland, 1815 or 1816; Wyckoff, 1822 or 1823; Bergen Neck, 1829; First Jersey City, 1830; First Newark, 1833; Little Falls, 1837.

The Church of Preakness thus was organized by the Classis of Bergen in the first year of its existence as a separate Body, and but a few months after the Church of Stone House Plains was organized. The Church, however, after this, was represented in Classis for a number of years only by ruling elders. At the meeting at Ponds April 26, 1803, Samuel Van Saun was the Elder. At Schraalenbergh April 24, 1804, Elder John Van Winkle represented this Church, and he then reported that the Church had stated supplies from Rev. Messrs. Peter De Witt and John Duryee. Cornelius Merseiles was our representative at Hackensack April 30, 1805, who reported that at that time the people were "wholly destitute of regular preaching." At this meeting of Classis, the Congregations of Preakness and Boontown (Boonton, now Montville), asked for supplies, when it was

Resolved that each minister supply Prakeness on two, and Boonton on one Sabbath before the next ordinary meeting of Classis.

The following arrangements under this resolution were made in regard to Prakeness:

J. V. C. Romeyn, 3rd Sabbaths in May and August.  
 J. Cornelison, 1st Sabbaths in October and April.  
 P. Stryker, 3rd Sabbaths in September and December.  
 John Duryee, 1st Sabbaths in June and November.  
 S. Ostrander, 1st Sabbath in July and 3rd in October.  
 P. De Witt, 1st Sabbaths in January and March.

At Pompton January 8 and 9, 1806, Isaac Van Saun represented Preakness. Also at Hackensack April 29, same year. The

Elder at this meeting of Classis reported that the Church here "contemplated in the past year to make out a call, but had since Resolved to defer it till some future time, still, however, having the object in their view."

Elder Van Saun then requested that each minister belonging to the Classis of Bergen supply Preakness two Sabbaths in the ensuing year, and Classis consenting, the following arrangement was made:

Rev. J. Cornelison, 4th Sab. in October, and 2nd in November.  
 Rev. P. Stryker, 3rd Sab. in September and 3rd in December.  
 Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, 1st Sab. in June and 1st in July.  
 Rev. P. De Witt, 1st Sab. in August and 1st in January.  
 Rev. S. Ostrander, 3d Sab. in May and 3rd in March.  
 Rev. J. Duryee, 1st Sab. in February and 1st in April.

At Hackensack April 28, 1807, David Hennion was the representative Elder from this Church, and he secured supplies from the same persons for the same number of Sabbaths, that is, twelve for the year. At Bergen April 26, 1808, Cornelius Marselus was our delegate, who made the usual request; when Classis

"Resolved that the request be granted, and that the same arrangement that was made last year be now pursued as to the times."

Somehow there appear to have been five elders in the Preakness Consistory in 1808. Elder John Van Winkle represented Preakness at Bergen April 25, 1809, and he secured supplies for the same number of Sabbaths, while it was ordered that Cornelison, in October, and Stryker, in April, administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and that they preach the preparatory discourses on the respective Saturdays preceding, at 3 o'clock P. M. In 1810, Cornelius Kip was Classical delegate three times. In 1811, Isaac Van Saun, twice. In 1812, Cornelius Marselis. In 1813, Jacob Berdan. In 1814, John Van Winkle. The first statistical report from this Church ever made to Classis, so far as we know, was made in 1814: Families, 70; Persons in Congregation, 366; Communicants, 42; Baptized infants, (we take it infants baptized during the year), 25. Cornelius Kipp was the Elder in 1815, at Bergen. In 1816, at Pompton Plains, C. Marselis. In 1817, at English Neighborhood, Peter Voorhies. In 1818, at Schraalenburgh, Uriah Van Riper. Also in 1819, at Hackensack. In 1820, at Belleville, David D. Demarest. In 1821, at Hackensack, Jacob Polhemus. In 1822, at Hackensack, Rem. Onderdonk. In 1823, at the same place, Cornelius Kip. In 1824, at different meetings, Jacob J. Berdan, Cornelius Kip and Isaac Van Saun represented

this Church. Most of the time all these years the Church had stated supplies about once a month, asked for from Classis by these Elders. But the time was now at hand when there was to be a change.

The oldest subscription list for minister's salary, as it may be termed, and probably the first one ever passed around in Preakness, is naturally of special interest. We will reproduce it.

"We the Subscribers Do Promise to Pay at the expiration of every Six Months the several sums as we have hereunto affixed our Names to be Paid unto the Consistory of Preakness Congregation for the Purpose of obtaining Divine Service in said Congregation. April 15th, 1802.

Nicholas Kip .....	\$1.00
Samuel Van Saen .....	1.25
Cornelius Kip .....	1.25
Henry Kip .....	1.00
Isaac Van Saun .....	1.25
Martin H. Berry .....	.50
John Van W(inkle).....	1.00
Abraham J. Blauvelt .....	.20
Enos Lyon .....	.20
George H. Dooremus .....	.50
John Van Riper .....	1.00
Francis Outwater .....	.50
George Dooremus .....	.50
John Van Ness .....	1.00
Henry Hennion .....	1.00
Theunis Hennion .....	.72
Hassel Hennion .....	.50
William Wilson .....	.18
Garrit Nafee .....	.50
John Dey .....	1.50
John Neafe .....	1.00
Cornelius Dooremus .....	.50
Galyn Accerman .....	.36
John H. Dooremus .....	.50
Henry Dooremus .....	.50
Peter Dey .....	.50
Phillip Dey .....	.75

On the back of this paper are a few endorsements, some of which may be interesting, viz:

1. Cornelis Kip Paid to George Barclow the sum of two Dollars & Fifty Cents august 1st, 1802.
2. Cornelius Kip Paid to steven ostrander the sus of fore Dollars & Fifty Cents august 1st, 1802.
3. Cornelius Kip Paid to James Romaine fore Dollars August the 29th, 1802.

NOTE.—Corwin's Manual informs us that Rev. George Barcolo died at Preakness in 1832.

4. Cornelius Kip Paid to Revd. Mr. Durye the sum of fifteen Dollars the Ninth of January, 1803.

	Cents.
John Van Saun .....	0.38 Paid
Peter Dey .....	0.50
Gacob Acker .....	0.25

Besides this old list for 1802, we have a number of other old salary lists relating to this period, which it might be well to insert here. The first of these is for 1809:

“We the Subscribers Do Promise and agree to Pay to the Consistory of the Preakness Congregation or their Successors in office at the Expiration of Every Six months Beginning on the First Day of october Next for the Purpose of Divine Service in the Preakness Church, the Several Sums affixed to our Names.”

June 17, 1809.

Here follow the names and amounts, which we furnish in brief: John Van Order, \$8.00; Cors. Mersieles, \$2.00; John Van Winkle, Cornelius Kip, Isaac Van Saun, Garret Merselis, Albert Berdan, each \$1.50; William Tearman, John G. Doremus, each \$1.25; Andrew Van Norden, \$1.00; Jeremiah Ryerson, Matthew Coe, Uriah Van Riper, Richard Van Riper, Elizabeth Van Riper, each \$0.75; Pierson Dey, \$0.72; James Ackerman, Jacob Polhemus, Nicholas Kip, John Courter, Isaac Van Blercum, John Veader, each \$0.62½; Martin H. Berry, \$0.60; Jacob J. Eckerson, Junior, Abraham J. Blauvelt, Andries Smith, John J. Berry, Garret Van Riper, Richard Doremus, Rulof Van Houten, Nicholas Jones, Cornilius Acker, John Craeter, Edward Jones, Henry Cooper, Benjamin Spear, David Hogins, Christian Shurte, John Walden, each \$0.50; Helmygh Van Houten, Thomas Dobbs, each \$0.37½; David Spear, Cornelius Doremus, Hassel H. Doremus, Garret Van Derhoof, Hassel Henmion, Peter Redner, Lodewick Smith, Michael Doremus, Hermones Carlough, Peter Craeter, Abraham Crankhite, John Johnson, John Johnson, Junior, Henry Van Wart, James Lines, Henry Redner, James Ackerman, Jr., Peter Bush, each \$0.25; Henry Cokorow, John Carlough, each \$0.12.

The total of this list foots up \$41.01.

The second list is for 1813, and is much better:

“We the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Congregation of Precaness do promise to pay to the Consistory of said Congregation the several sums affixed to our names at such times as the said Consistory of Precaness shall deem expedient in order to discharge a certain Contract made between the Consistory of Precaness Con-



gregation and the Revd. John Demarest who is to Perform divine service for the ensuing year in said Congregation the 13th Feby, 1813."

John Van Winkle, Corns. Mersieles, Albert Berdan, joo., Garret Merselis, Henry Cooper, each \$5.00; Jacob D. Berdan, Cornelius Kip, Peter Voorhis, Isaac Van Saun, each \$4.00; Jacob Berdan, \$3.50; William Tearman, Richard Doremus, David Demarest, Jr., John G. Doremus, each \$3.00; Jacob Berdan, Jr., Uriah R. Van Riper, Matthew Coe, each \$2.50; Jeremiah Ryerson, Christian Shurte, Benjamin Demarest, David Demarest, Martin H. Berry, Rem. Onderdonk, James Ackerman, Abner Armstrong, John Van Nurden, Isaac Van Blarcom, David Van Houten, each \$2.00; Elizabeth Van Riper, \$1.75; John Courter, Nicholas Jones, each \$1.50; Jacob Polhemus, Jacob B. Doremus, Cornelius G. Eckerson, each \$1.25; James Beam, Jr., Garet Van Riper, Hassel H. Doremus, Adrian Onderdonk, Cornelius G. Doremus, Benjamin B. Demarest, Peter Bush, David Andrews, James Ackerman, Jr., Peter T. Schuyler, Daniel Smith, Benjamin Spear, Thomas Dobbs, John Doremus, Harmon Carlough, John Walden, each \$1.00; William Bogert, Elias Folly, each \$0.75; Henry Van Wart, \$0.62; Henrietta Van Norden, Caty Berdan, Juliann Bostic, Sophia Van Riper, John Dolehagen, John Carlough, Theunis Ryerson, each \$0.50; Sam Van Riper, Jacob Spear, Michael Doremus, Henry Cokorow, Peter Tise, Case Spear, each \$0.25.

This list footed up the respectable sum of \$117.37. But one reason it was so good, perhaps, was because it was for the specific purpose of fulfilling the contract with the Rev. John Demarest, who only the year before had come to Ponds.

The next, or the third and last of these lists, not being for a specific purpose, *i. e.*, for no particular minister, was nevertheless in proportion even better.

"We the Subscribers, Do hereby Promise and engage to Pay or cause to be Paid to the Consistory of the Preakness Congregation, or their successors in office, the several sum or sums affixed opposite their Names at the expiration of every six months for Divine Service in the Preakness Church to Begin on the first Day of May one thousand eight Hundred and fourteen. Given under our hands."

Jacob D. Berdan, Cornelius Kip, Henry Cooper, each \$4.00; Martynes Hogencamp, Peter Voorhees, Albert Berdan, Isaac Van Saun, Peter Row, Garret Mersieles, each \$2.00; Richard Doremus,

\$1.75; Benjamin Demarest, Martin H. Berry, David D. Demarest, Jeremiah Ryerson, Jacob Berdan, George Barkalo, William Tearman, John G. Doremus, each \$1.50; Cornelius Van der belt, David Demarest, Rem Onderdonk, Jacob J. Berdan, Christian Shurte, Abner Armstrong, William Oliver, Uriah R. Van Riper, John Van Nurden, each \$1.00; John Courter, Richard Van Riper, each \$0.75; James Beam, Jacob Pulhemus, James Ackerman, each \$0.62½; Samuel Van Saun, Henry Roome, Jane Van Riper, Adrian Onderdonk, Benjamin Van Wart, Jr., Albert Voorhees, Jacob A. Berdan, Garret P. Haring, Cornelius Doremus, Samuel Bogert, Hassel Doremus, Edward Jones, Garret Bensen, Elizabeth Van Riper, Benjamin Spear, David Van Houten, each \$0.50; Hermanes Carlough, Henry Van Wart, each \$0.37½; Henrietta Van Orden, Caty Berdan, Michael Doremus, William Blackney, each \$0.25,—making a total of \$60.37½. Double this amount, for it was for only six months, and you have \$120.75 for the year. This certainly shows progress up to 1814.

All the ministers around preached here more or less. But those who appear to have been the principal supplies up to 1817, were Revs. P. De Witt, John Duryee, John Cornelison, J. V. C. Romeyn, Peter Stryker, John Demarest, C. T. Demarest, Jacob T. Field, and Staats Van Santvoord.

The Rev. Peter De Witt is named as the first of these in the order of time. He came, as we have seen, to Ponds, in connection with the preaching station at Wyckoff, in 1798, (the year in which our first church was built), and was pastor there until his death, in 1809. It was easy for him, as it was for his successors, now and then, or even statedly, to come to Preakness and preach, especially as some of the inhabitants of this section had been attending, and no doubt continued to attend at Ponds, when there was no service nearer. Classis also naturally, for the same reasons manifestly, appointed him, whenever the church asked for or could have supplies.

Peter De Witt was born in Flatbush, Long Island, February 17, 1739. He graduated from the College of New Jersey, at Princeton, in 1769; studied theology under the celebrated Dr. John H. Livingston; and was licensed by the General Meeting of Ministers and Elders, at Kingston, N. Y., October 6, 1778. For some reason, he did not receive a call for years, and, in 1783, was appointed a missionary to preach in the vicinity of Port Jervis, N. Y. In 1787, he received a call from the Churches of Rhinebeck, Rhine-

beck Flats, and Upper Red Hook, which Churches he served, living most of the time at Rhinebeck, until he came to Bergen County. He was received as a member of the Classis of Hackensack May 1, 1798; but his call to Ponds was not approved until May 7, 1799. When he moved to these parts, the people of the Ponds Congregation went for his goods, with their own conveyances, to his home at Fishkill Hook, to which place he had gone, when he left Rhinebeck, a couple of years or so before, and where he owned a large farm, with a mill on it. After a successful pastorate at Ponds of ten or eleven years, having been sick but a few days of fever, he died October 7, 1809, and was consequently, at his death, nearly seventy-one years of age. The Sabbath after his decease, Domine Eltinge, of Paramus, preached his funeral sermon, when his remains were laid away in their final resting place, beneath the pulpit of the old church in which his labors ended. The Ponds people, after his death, took his family and goods back to the place whence they had gotten them years before, in the same way that they had brought them to Jersey.

As a preacher, De Witt was sound in argument and doctrine, slow in speech, jovial in conversation, but in the pulpit he frequently moved his audience to tears, often weeping much himself. About one-third of the time, he preached in English, and the rest in Dutch. The Church at Wyckoff, although the congregation there was not organized as a separate body until 1822, was built in 1806, in Domine De Witt's time, and cost \$4,025. It has eighty-four pews on the floor, and twenty-four in the gallery. (Van Benschoten.) Domine De Witt's father's name was John, who, soon after his son's birth, removed to the town of Clinton, Dutchess County, N. Y., and, during the Revolutionary war, was Sheriff of that county. A part of the Green Brook Farm, of Preakness, which has been in the Court of Chancery for many years, was owned by Domine De Witt, and left by will to his heirs. The late John De Witt, of Preakness, was a descendant of the old domine's.

We have among our old Church papers a couple of receipts of Domine De Witt's, which, because of their peculiar wording, we will give here in full:

1st. "Received per me January the 15th 1805 of Mr. Cornelius Merselece Elder of the Congregation of Preckness the sum of seven pounds it being for salary. I say received by me. £7:0:0.

"PETRUS DE WIT."

2nd. "Received January 14th 1809 of Yuery Van Rypen the

sum of foure Dollars on account of the Consistory of the Congregation of Prekniss for service done there. I say received by — me.  
 “PETRUS DE WIT.”

During the time of De Witt, and along with him, at least for a while, in 1804, or perhaps in both 1803 and 1804, it appears from the records of the Classis of Bergen, that Rev. John Duryee, of Fairfield, or Horse Neck, also preached more or less in the Preakness Church. Rev. John Duryee was born about 1760; studied theology under Livingston; was licensed by the General Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in 1784; was pastor at Raritan, 1785-99; at Bedminster and Pottersdam, 1800-1; supplied Fairfield, 1801-17; and “died at the Notch, not far from Little Falls, Essex County, in 1836,” aged seventy-six. “His remains rest in the cemetery attached to the Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, Essex County, by the side of his daughter, Mrs. Crane. He married late in life, and left a widow surviving him. He had been without a pastoral charge for many years, had given all his property to his children, and was himself often in straitened circumstances, but never in want. The Lord provided for him.” (Dr. Messler’s “Historical Notes,” p. 198.) He was elected a trustee of Queen’s College, 1786. We know little else about him, except that at one time he owned nearly all the property that the Beatties now own on the south side of the River at Little Falls. (James M. Demarest, Two Bridges.)

We have Domine Duryee’s receipt for eleven pounds English money, for half a year’s salary, due January 1, 1805, which, together with the report of Elder John Van Winkle, at Schraalenburgh April 24, 1804, would indicate that he preached here anyhow for a year, and perhaps longer; *i. e.*, earlier, not later,—for the implication is, from what follows, that he was not engaged *after* 1804, or after January 1, 1805.

Perhaps it would be well for us to insert here the contents of a paper in our hands, with sixty-six signatures attached to it, which must be as old as the fall of 1803. The paper, though simply a declaration of the wishes of the subscribers, is important, and must be as old as we say, because one of the signers, David Van Blarcom, died December 31, 1804; also Garret Neafy, (Nafee), removed to Hoboken in 1804; while Domine Duryee, as we believe, likewise concluded his labors as a supply in Preakness, with that year.

The paper is as follows:

“Whereas, the People of the Parish of Preakness are now

destitute of a Preacher, they having in contemplation to get one to preach every third Sabbath for the term of one year. The Revd. Mr. Dewitt having been nominated by some for the purpose, the Rev. Mr. Duryee by others, and some would wish to have both alternately every third Sabbath. A meeting having been appointed on Saturday thirtieth Day of October (for the purpose of knowing the minds of the people concerning which of the Gentlemen nominated should serve, or both by turns,) and but few attended; and those few preferred considering their absent Neighbors to have an equal voice in the point of electing their minister; did not proceed to an election, but concluded to have this declaration, with the three collums, and the candidates' names above them, handed round among the People, that each and every of the Parishioners might put his Name under the man's of his choice, and thereby make the election."

On this paper there are twenty-four names in the first column, for Rev. Mr. Dewitt alone, as follows:

Richard V. Riper, Jacob Berdan, Jacob B. Doremus, John Johnson, John Mc'Clermon, Henry Cooper, Rem onderdonk, James Ackerman, Abraham Spere, David van Blercom, Michael Dooremus, John T. Hennion, Roilof Van Houten, Thomas Dobbs, William Woods, John G. Dooremus, Andrew Van Nurden, John Van Nurden, Albert Berdan, jun, Abraham accerman, John Dooremus, Uriah V. Riper, Ritchard V. Riper, Junior, Henry Hennion.

In the second column is only one name, for Rev. Mr. Duryee alone viz: Gilbert Sisko.

While in the third column, for both Dewitt and Duryee alternately, we find forty-one names:

Cornelius Mersielles, David I. Hennion, Henry I. Mead, Bartlemais Vannesenhsyen, Peter Redenner, John Coouter, Garret Merselis, James maccoly, William Tearman, Thomas I. Hennion, John Merselis, W. W. Jenner, John Van Winkle, Samuel van Saen, Nicholas Kipp, Nicholas Kipp, jun, geoline Ackerman, Henry Kip, John Van Saun, James Lewrue, James Buchanan, Jeams Willon, Garret Neafy, David Speer, Justis Simoson, George Doremus, Martin Berry, John Neafy, Philip Dey, John Dey, Nicholas Boice, Isaac Van Saun, John Van Riper, Cornelius Dooremus, George Dooremus, Cornelius Dooremus, jun, John Berry, Cornelius Kip, Abraham J. Blauvelt, Richd Doyle, Sophia Van houten.

But besides these men, and with them, both before and after 1804, up to De Witt's death, and later, to 1817 probably, as well

as afterwards, to some extent, which we have memoranda to prove, the pulpit here was supplied also by Revs. John Cornelison, J. V. C. Romeyn, and Peter Stryker; and likewise for two or three years before 1817, and later, to 1825, by several others, whom we will name when we come to them.

Rev. John Cornelison was born at Nyack, N. Y., in 1769. He studied under Drs. H. Myer and J. H. Livingston, and was licensed by the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Churches in 1791. From 1791 to 1793, he served as missionary in the Northern and Western States; was pastor over the two Churches of Bergen and English Neighborhood from 1793 to 1806; in 1794, also visiting the Settlements on the Delaware and Susquehanna rivers; while in 1806, he gave up English Neighborhood, and was pastor of the Bergen Church alone from that time until his death in 1828. Dr. Corwin tells us: "He was much beloved, not only by his own people, but by all the fathers and brethren in the ministry. There was something in his speech and manner which won the reverence, regard, and affection of all." This brother, in his day, supplied our Church quite often.

The Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn was cotemporary with Cornelison. He was born at Minisink, N. J.; in 1765; was graduated from the Schenectaday Academy, in 1784; studied theology under the Rev. D. Romeyn, his uncle, at Schenectaday; was licensed by the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Churches, in 1787; became pastor at Schodack and Greenbush, 1788, which engagement he kept until 1794; when he gave up Schodack, and served Wyantskill, with Greenbush, until 1799; in 1799, he was settled over the Second Church of Hackensack and the Second of Schraalenburgh, in which field he labored until 1833. He was elected a trustee of Queen's College in 1809, and died in 1840. Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn was one of four sons of Rev. Thomas Romeyn (b. at Pompton), all of whom studied for the ministry. Dr. Corwin tells us: "He walked with God in the cultivation of personal piety. During a double charge of thirty-five years, it is not known that there was an act of collision, or one unkind, unsettling word or circumstance, in his congregation,"—certainly a remarkable record.

Rev. Peter Stryker, Sr., the grandfather of the late Rev. Peter Stryker, D. D., of Asbury Park, was a cotemporary also of both these men. He was born in New York City, 1764; studied under Livingston; was licensed by the Synod of Reformed Dutch Churches in 1788; served as pastor the Church of North and South Hamp-

ton from September 15, 1788, to August 19, 1790; Staten Island, 1790-4; Belleville, 1794-1809; also was stated supply at Stone House Plains, from the time of its organization in 1801, to 1809; had charge of the Presbyterian Church of Amboy, 1809-10;—when he returned to Belleville and Stone House Plains, which Churches he again served as pastor two or three years more; when, in 1812, much debilitated by bodily infirmity, he was compelled to resign his pastoral office. Later, having recovered his health, he preached in various churches for many years as stated or occasional supply, and died in 1847. He was a good man.

After the death of De Witt in 1809, the Church of Ponds, with the preaching station at Wyckoff, was supplied by Classis for a couple of years or so, when, on the third Sabbath in November, 1811, the Rev. John Demarest was installed pastor where De Witt had preached; and he also more or less supplied Preakness. The installation of Demarest was by Rev. Peter Stryker, of Belleville, who had been appointed by Classis June 25, 1811, to perform that duty; and at a meeting of Classis April 12, 1812, he reported that he had done as he had been ordered,—probably, as stated, on the third Sunday in November previous. Demarest was born at New Bridge, N. J., in 1763, and lived to the age of seventy-three. His academic education was received at the then celebrated School of Dr. P. Wilson, of Hackensack, N. J. Peter Wilson, L. L. D., was at one time the learned Professor of Languages in Columbia College, New York City, a zealous patriot and Christian, who died August 1, 1825, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. The subject of our present writing, after leaving Dr. Wilson's School, studied theology under his pastor, Rev. Solomon Freligh, D. D.; was licensed by the Synod of Dutch Reformed Churches in 1789; and had other charges at Niskayuna and Boght, 1790-1803; and at Minisink and Mahakemack, or Port Jervis, 1802-8. In 1822, he seceded from the Dutch Reformed Church, united with the True Dutch Reformed Church, and for that, in the year 1824, at the fall meeting of Classis, was suspended from the ministry. His suspension was on the following charges: "1. Public Schism. 2. Approving and signing a certain declaration in which the Reformed Dutch Church is charged with corruption and heresy. 3. Violation of an express order of this Classis, (Bergen), on the third Tuesday of September, 1823, at Pompton." (This was probably a refusal to obey the first citation.)

Some idea may be drawn of the improvement under De Witt

and afterwards at the Ponds, by the salaries paid. De Witt was to receive \$150, at first without a parsonage, but he had a parsonage and farm afterwards. Demarest had a parsonage, the use of a farm of sixty-four acres, sixty loads of wood, fifty bushels of grain, and \$270 in money, an increase of almost fourfold of what De Witt received when he settled there.

As to talents and business capacity, Demarest was superior. The church records kept by him were among the most perfect in the Denomination, and it is a misfortune that they have been destroyed. "As a preacher, he was sound in doctrine, plain and pointed; as a disciplinarian, strict and severe, especially as to the administration of baptism. As he said, so it must be, and no Consistory could move him. He preached mostly in English, and his records were in English. The first two or three years of his pastorate were peaceful and prosperous, but then, with one thing or another, trouble came, until it resulted in the dissolution of the pastoral relation June 29, 1820.

The domine after this removed to Tappan, N. Y., where he bought the farm on which Major André was executed and buried; and from thence to New York City, where he died April 8, 1837, aged seventy-three years. He was buried, near Schraalenburgh, in what is called "the old French Burying Ground." He never had a charge after leaving Ponds. (Van Benschoten.)

At the exhumation of the remains of Major André in 1821, under the direction of His Royal Highness, the Duke of York, an uncle of the late Queen Victoria, in company with J. Buchanan, the British Consul at New York, and Captain Paul, of the British man-of-war on which they sailed up the Hudson, and which was sent over for the remains, the Rev. John Demarest, the subject of our writing, who had but lately come into possession of the property on which the remains were, distinguished himself by exceptional and fitting courtesy, which was later on rewarded by the gift of a snuff-box, heavily lined with gold, made of the wood of the cedar tree whose roots were entwined about the intact skeleton of André. The inscription on the inside of the lid of the box is as follows: "From his Royal Highness, the Duke of York, to mark his sense of the Rev. John Demarest's liberal attention upon the occasion of the removal of the remains of the late Major John Andre, at Tappan, on the 10th of August, 1821." The remains of Andre were removed to England by the British Government on the special request of his two surviving sisters. (Corwin's Manual.)



This beautiful mark of appreciation subsequently fell into the possession of Catharine Demarest, the domine's daughter, and the mother also of James D. Berdan, and was at one time often seen by Preakness people. It is at present (1899) in the possession of Sarah Ann (Blauvelt) Andrus, of Newark.

A minute description of this box is given by William Nelson, in the Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society for 1875, (Second Series, Vol. IV, No. 1, page 27), as follows:

"This box is round, just three inches in diameter externally, where the lid and top join, and two and one-half inches internal diameter. The cover and lid bevel outward from the joint, so that the extreme diameter across the top or bottom is three and one-half inches. It is one and one-eighth inch in thickness, the lid being slightly rounded on top. The snuff receptacle is five-eighths of an inch deep, and the lid which fits over it (without a hinge) is three-sixteenths of an inch deep. The box is lined with gold, the inlaying of the precious metal very thick. The box itself is of wood of the identical cedar that grew over Andre's grave, and which for years had drawn nourishment from his ashes. The wood shows the heart of the tree and is exquisitely polished. It shows, however, in the lid a bit of bullet which had been buried in the tree many years before the cedar was removed, and which had marred the symmetry of its growth on that side, and caused a sort of cicatrice in the efforts of nature to close the wound. The shrinkage of the wood of the lid has made a slight fissure in one side. On the inside of the lid on the golden lining is the inscription exquisitely engraved,"—which we have already given.

The Rev. C. T. Demarest is next perhaps in the order of time. He was a graduate of Columbia College in 1804; studied theology under Froeligh; was licensed by the Classis of Paramus, 1807. His charges were, White House, 1808-13; English Neighborhood, 1813-24; when, with a large part of his congregation, including his Consistory, he seceded from the Reformed Church, and was suspended from the ministry. He served the Church of the secession until his death, in 1863.

Following the Demarests came the Rev. Jacob T. Field. He was settled at Pompton Plains, which included Pompton and Wan-  
aque, from 1813-16; and, after the organization of the Church at Pompton, he served that Church from 1815-27. Field, who became a member of the Classis of Bergen, April 26, 1814, was therefore in his work in Preakness, in part at least cotemporary with the

two Demarests, and the others named in their later ministry; as he was cotemporary also with his own successor, Rev. Ava Neal, at Pompton Plains, who likewise, during a portion of his pastorate, labored in that connection with Fairfield.

Shortly after Field's coming to Pompton Plains, the people of Pompton and Wanaque built their church where it now stands, and had it dedicated, October 16, 1813. The sermon was preached by Rev. Jacob T. Field, of Pompton Plains, from Psalms 132: 14-16. On the afternoon of the same day, Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, of Paramus, preached from Luke 10; 5, 6. The desire, however, of the Pompton and Wanaque people soon asserted itself in a proposition to the Pompton Plains Consistory, that they have half the services of the Domine, and they would pay him half his salary. With this end in view, (which, at one time, appeared practicable, viz: that a joint call might be made out by the two Churches, by which it would be possible), Classis on June 1, 1815, directed that an organization of the Pompton Church should be at once effected; and this was done, as nearly as can be determined, on the eighteenth of the same month. But the joint call contemplated was never made out. By certain action of the Pompton Plains Consistory, a separation occurred instead. On December 18, 1815, a call was made by the Pompton and Wanaque people alone on Mr. Field, which he afterwards accepted. On the day of its acceptance, April 30, 1816, it was approved by Classis. His installation took place some time in June or July, although his labors began immediately after accepting the call, which was for \$600, without a parsonage. The pastorate of brother Field at Pompton Plains closed April 10, 1827, but he was not dismissed to the Classis of Paramus until April 15, 1828.

The following is taken from "The Pastor and the Church," by Dr. Welles, pp. 83, 4.

"The Rev. Jacob Ten Eyck Field was born in Lamington, Somerset Co., N. J., October 31, 1787, graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1806, and pursued his theological studies under the Rev. Dr. Woodhull, of Monmouth Conuty, N. J. He labored as a missionary for a year or two in and around Stroudsburch, Pa. In the Spring of 1810, he was called to the Presbyterian Church of Flemington, N. J., and was ordained and installed its pastor November 28, 1810. Here he remained until May 4, 1813, when much to the regret of the congregation, he accepted a call to the Reformed Church of Pompton Plains." After serving at Pomp-

ton, "he came to Paterson and remained until 1832, when, at his request, Classis gave him a letter of commendation to the Churches of all sister denominations, as he expressed his intention of going into the western country. He was stated supply for a time of the Presbyterian Churches of Stroudsburgh and Middle Smithfield, Pa., and in June, 1838, was installed pastor of these Churches. In 1839, when fifty-two years of age, he was disabled by a stroke of paralysis, from which he never recovered sufficiently to resume the work of the ministry. Two years later, in 1841, he went to Belvidere, N. J., and there resided until his death, May 17, 1866," in his 79th year, "and was laid to rest at Shawnee, Pa. Dr. Duryea says: 'He was a good man, much esteemed, a plain and faithful preacher'; while the Classis of Paramus bears record that he was a man 'of ardent piety and exemplary deportment, faithful and devoted to the cause of his Master.'"

Rev. S. Van Santvoord also was a supply here until 1825, very much in demand, it appears, after 1814, when as a young man he was ordained and installed over the Church of Belleville, where for fourteen years he served. Rev. S. Van Santvoord was born in 1790; graduated from Union College, 1811; N. B. Seminary, 1814; was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick the same year; Belleville was his first charge, from that time, until 1828; for a year or more after this, he was an agent to collect funds for the Seminary; when from 1829 to 1834, he was pastor at Schodack, and from 1829 to some time in 1830, also at Coeymans; from 1834-9 he was stated supply at New Baltimore; was pastor at Onisquethaw, 1839-64, supplying likewise Second Berne, 1841-2, and New Salem, 1843-4; and serving as pastor at Jerusalem, 1845-57. He lived to a very great age, dying in 1882, aged 92.

In the Pompton Plains Reformed Church records we find the following entry under date of Aug. 10, 1816, although nothing appears to have come of it:

"Consistory met at the church on Pompton Plains in conjunction with two elders sent from Preakness as a committee to consult to make a call on the Rev. Isaiah Y. Johnstone." (Elders John Van Winkle and Peter Voorhis.)

"Resolved, that the Preakness congregation is to have one third of the services, when a minister is obtained."

"Resolved, that the preaching be in the Church on Pompton Plains two thirds of the time, until Towagha shall build a church there they

NOTE.--"Towagha" was probably a neighborhood in the direction of Montville, pronounced something like "Wachow." (John Neafie.)

shall be entitled to one third of the services provided they raise one third of the money to pay the minister."

"Resolved, that Ewout Van Gelder be appointed to draw up a subscription list according to the above resolutions."

In Cerwin's Manual we learn that Isaiah Y. Johnson, also spelled Johnston, was born 1783; was graduated from Williams College, 1813, and from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, 1816, in which year he was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick. His charges were Argyle and Fort Miller, 1817-21; and Schodack, 1821-4, in which latter year he died. "His expression was intellectual and bland; his manners affable, always courteous, cheerful, and of easy dignity. He was attractive to the youth of his charges. His habits were very systematic."

In this same year, viz: 1816, before the Rev. Ava Neal, a classmate of Mr. Johnson, and the last of these supplies for Preakness, came into the Classis of Bergen, as a young man from the Seminary, an effort was made by this Church, it appears also in conjunction with Pompton Plains, to call him as pastor of the two. An agreement was drawn up to that effect by which Preakness was to pay one-third of his \$550 salary, and have one-third of his time, and Pompton Plains was to pay the other two-thirds, besides furnishing the parsonage, and have him two Sundays to Preakness's one. But for some reason this contemplated arrangement likewise failed; and the next year Fairfield supplanted, or in some way came into the place of, Preakness in the contract.

A copy of the agreement as to Preakness and Pompton Plains is herewith furnished:

"At a meeting of the committee of the two congregations of Pompton Plains and the congregation of Preakness, it being mutually agreed that Ewout Van Gelder and Peter T. Doremus as soon as convenient call on the Reverend Ava Neil in order to consult the said Revd. Ava Neil for what sum he will accept a call to serve the two aforesaid congregations to perform divine service as follows, that is to perform his service two-thirds at Pompton Plains and one-third in the congregation of Preakness, and it being agreed by the undersigned that if the sd Neil shall be called for five hundred and fifty dollars annually that the congregation of Preakness is to pay for this proportion the sum of one hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, if for less sum than aforesaid to reduce in proportion, and if for a higher sum than above mentioned to raise. And the congregation of Pompton Plains to find the Parsonage and wood, etc., according as the above named Ewout

Van Gelder, and Peter T. Doremus may think to engage and agree with him the said Revd. Ava Niel, as witness our hands this twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

HENRY MANDEVILLE,  
 PETER T. DOREMUS,  
 ISAAC VAN SAUN,  
 C. MERSIELES.

In the records of the Pompton Plains Church, under date of Feb. 9, 1817, we find in connection with this matter the following:

"The Consistory did not proceed in making out a call on the candidate Isaiah Y. Johnstone, but turned their attention to the Candidate Ava Neal. The attempt to become connected with the congregation of Preakness failed, and the Consistory made out a call on Mr. Neal for his services two-thirds of the year, at the same time that the Consistory of Fairfield called him for the remaining third. Mr. Neal accepted the call, and was ordained pastor of this Church Feb. 9th, 1817,"—which united charge he held 1817-22, when he withdrew from Fairfield, and served Pompton Plains alone until 1828. Neal was graduated from Columbia College, New York, in 1810. He was a tutor in Rutgers College in 1814, a graduate of the Seminary at New Brunswick, and licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick in 1816, but did not become a member of the Classis of Bergen until Feb. 9, 1817. In 1829, he was suspended from the ministry, for conduct unbecoming a minister: 1st Charge, Drunkenness. 2nd Charge, Some dishonorable business transaction. But was restored in 1833, and at his request, dismissed from the Classis. He died in 1839.

Though Preakness failed in her object in regard to the calling of a minister in connection with Pompton Plains, the attempt made to that end seems to have done the people at least some good; for, instead of having only occasional or semi-occasional supplies most of the time since the organization of the congregation up to that date, after this there is a marked improvement,—for the supplies were more regular and numerous from now on until the final calling of the first pastor here, the Rev. Zachariah H. Kuypers. Within this period, we definitely know of preaching having occurred in this church at any rate 97 Sundays; which was an average of more than 12 Sundays a year, as follows: Revs. S. Van Santvoord, 18 times; P. Stryker, 11 times; J. T. Field, 10; Duryce and Cornelison, each 9; J. V. C. Romeyn, 7; C. Demarest and Ava Neal, each 5;

John Demarest and Brinkerhoff, each 4; Bogardus, 3; Eltinge, 2; and ten others, viz: Boyd, James Demarest, Goetchius, Smulse, Switz, Van hand, Bogerd, (Bogart), Cruikshank, Van Derveer, Cooper, (Kuypers) candidate, each once.

We know nothing more of the connection of any of these men with Preakness; and with them, except for the short term of six months, in 1842-3, under Domine Woods, ended the mere supply system for this Church,—unless we include one and one-half years in 1887-8, under Beekman. Preakness Church, until the date now reached, was represented in Classis simply by Elders, as we have fully noticed. But from this point forward, with only short periods between pastorates, with the single, or perhaps two exceptions, just observed, the congregation here claimed the dignity of having a regularly settled pastor.

The congregation, although organized, as we have seen, by Classis, the first Sunday in December, 1801, about three years after the erection of the first church building, was not an incorporated body, until about ten years thereafter. In 1811, the Elders and Deacons of the Church, and their successors in office, by a Special Act of the State Legislature, a copy of which we give below, became forever the trustees of the congregation. Here is the copy of the Act:

“Be it known to all whom it may Concern that pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of New Jersey, Intituled, ‘An Act to Incorporate Trustees of Religious Societies,’ Passed the 13th day of June, 1799,” (Elmer’s Digest, pp. 459-462).

“We the Subscribers Elders and Deacons of the Dutch Reformed protestant Congregation formed and established at Preakness in the County of Bergen ———. Do by these presents, and by virtue of the said Act, Certify and Declare that the Trustees of the said Congregation and their successors in office shall forever hereafter be known as a body politic and corporate in law Be called known and distinguished by the name and stile of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Congregation of Preakness in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey.”

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand and eight hundred and eleven.”

CORNELIUS KIP, A B Seal,  
ISAAC VAN SAUN, C D Seal,

Elders.

CORNELIUS MERSELIS, E F Seal,  
TUNIS I. HENNION, G H Seal,  
NICHOLAS KIP, I J Seal,

Deacons.

JACOB POLHEMUS, K L Seal,  
REM ONDERDUNK, M N Seal

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Received in the office (County Clerk, Hackensack) and Recorded the 23rd day of October, 1811.

ABRM. WESTERVELT, Clerk.

A copy of this Act on which is written, or subscribed, "A True Copy from the original taken Before it was Recorded," is among our old Church papers, but said copy is, in several minor respects, different from what is recorded at Hackensack, and as we have given it.

Another Act vesting certain real estate in the successors of these Trustees was passed by the Legislature of New Jersey, Mch. 19, 1851, which see later on.

Repairs seem to have been necessary on the "church steeple" very soon after the building was completed. We have never heard of the "steeple" having been struck by lightning, but this may have been the case. At any rate, in this connection, we have a subscription paper which speaks for itself:

"We the subscribers do promise to pay the Consistory of the congregation of Preakness or to their successors in office the several sums affixed opposite to our names for the purpose of discharging the sum of One Hundred and Sixty dollars which said sum of money having accrued by the Repairs done to the steeple of the Meeting House in Preakness and also for finishing the gallery, etc As witness our hands this twenty-eight day of November, 1811.

To wit:

C. Merselis .....	\$15.00
Tunis I. Hennion .....	10.00
Garret Merselis .....	12.00
Albert Berdan .....	10.00
Uriah R. Van Riper .....	8.00
Elizabeth V. Riper .....	3.00
Henry Cooper .....	6.00
James Akerman, Jr.....	1.00
Jacob Polhemus .....	9.00
R. I. Schuyler .....	1.00
Edward Jones .....	1.50
John Johnson .....	1.00
Henry Van Wart .....	.50
Isaac Van Blarcom .....	1.50
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	\$79.50
Lower Preakness subscription.....	120.47
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	\$199.97

The names on this subscription paper evidently are all of people from Upper Preakness, as underneath them and the result are added the words: "Lower Preakness subscription \$120.47,"—

making a total on the two subscriptions of \$199.97,—a respectable sum surely, and more than was asked for.

The Upper Preakness subscription presumably was passed around by Jacob Polhemus as per endorsement on it:

“SIR:—You will go through your district, and get all the subscribers you can. I hope you will do it with all possible speed.

Yours with Respectfull esteem &c.,

C. MERSIELES.

JACOB POLHEMUS.



## CHAPTER VI.

**THE UNION OF PREAKNESS WITH PONDS AND WYCKOFF, AND THE PASTORATE OF THE REV. Z. H. KUYPERS.**

In 1825, the year in which the name of Queen's College, at New Brunswick, was changed to that of Rutgers, the Rev. Zachariah Hoffman Kuypers, (or Cooper), whose father, the Rev. Warmoldus Kuypers, came from Holland to the Island of Curacoa, in the West Indies, and thence, about 1769, to New York, assumed charge of the Preakness Church, in connection with Ponds and Wyckoff,—the Wyckoff Church having been organized only in 1822, and incorporated, under the laws of the State of New Jersey in 1824. Kuypers's calls to Ponds and Preakness were dated Feb. 24, 1825, and presumably that to Wyckoff was dated at the same time. He had been heard in Preakness as a candidate Jan. 30, previous, and hence his call to this Church particularly was very prompt. He was to preach in each church every third Sunday, and for his services was to receive one hundred dollars per year from each congregation. Preakness paid him semi-annually, and we have on hand probably all his receipts,—any how there is a large number of them.

No doubt the other Churches paid him as often. Kuypers was received into the Classis of Bergen, in which all these Churches then were, Apr. 19, 1825, not quite two months after the date of his calls. He was present that day at the opening of Classis at Stone House Plains, and before being received, was invited to sit as an "advisory member." Under "Approbation of Calls" in the *Minutes of Classis*, we read: "Calls on the Rev. Zecharias Kuypers were presented from Ponds, Wyckoff, and Preakness Churches, which were found in due form, and approved by Classis. Classis at the same time enjoined upon the Consistories of those Churches to affix to said calls their corporate seals," which they had not done: "Mr. Kuypers having produced a certificate of dismissal from the Classis of Long Island, properly authenticated, and having signified his acceptance of the calls was then received in connection with the Classis of Bergen, and arrangements were made to install him in each congregation. Mr. Neal was appointed to install him in the Ponds congregation the second Sabbath in May. Mr. Field

at Wyckoff, the \_\_\_\_\_, and Mr. Staats Van Santvoord at Preakness \_\_\_\_\_. (No dates for the last two installations). In the *Minutes* of the meeting at Schraalenburgh Sept. 20, 1825, we find this entry: "The undersigned hereby certify that they have installed the Rev. Zecharias Kuypers, pastor in the congregations of Ponds, Wyckoff, and Preakness, agreeably to the order of Classis to that effect.

"Sept. 20, 1825.

"AVA NEAL,

"JACOB T. FIELD,

"STAATS VAN SANTVOORD."

Zecharias H. Kuypers was born Feb. 19, 1771, at Rhinebeck, N. Y., where his father was at that time settled; but was brought up at Hackensack; as his father, the same year in which the son was born, removed to the latter place, where he died Sept. 10, 1797, aged 65 years. Zechariah, or Zachariah, as he wrote his name, was educated at Prof. Wilson's School at Hackensack, and studied theology under Dr. Livingston. He was licensed by the Classis of Hackensack in 1793, and was called the next year to the Churches of Queens County, Long Island, viz: Jamaica, Newtown, Success, Oyster Bay, and Lakeville,—although Success and Lakeville appear really to have been the same Church, or congregation.

When the call of these combined Churches or congregations was presented to Classis Mch. 12, 1794, for approval, the members of Classis could not refrain from expressing their surprise at the small and inadequate sum (£150 New York money, or \$375) mentioned in it as the annual salary of their minister. The young brother was received and examined by Classis Apr. 29; when, his examination having been sustained, arrangements were made for his ordination, which occurred in the Church at Success on Sunday, July 13, 1794, Rev. John H. Livingston, D. D., preaching the sermon from Matt. 28: 18, 19, 20. "The Church at Success, the largest in Queens County, was crowded to its utmost capacity, by people eager to witness the novel and interesting ceremony. Those who could not get inside the building took seats out of their wagons to stand upon, peering in and listening at the windows, if so be they might hear or see something." "That the ceremony of ordination might be seen of all the people, it was usual to have staging erected before the pulpit, and partly resting on the pews, which was probably the case at this time, whereon sat the ministers and candidate,

who kneeled at the laying on of hands." (Hist. First Refd Dutch Church of Jamaica, N. Y., pp. 75, 76. Henry Onderdonk, Jr.)

From Dr. Corwin's Manual we learn that "in this extended field," which Kuypers now assumed, (after probably his four separate installations,)" living at Jamaica, he set out from home with his sulky, on Friday or Saturday, returning on Monday or Tuesday. "On these occasions he availed himself of the hospitality of the people and made pastoral visits." In these Churches, but not in all of them, all the time, he labored for 30 years, sometimes having a colleague, but often not. His life on Long Island was not a pleasant one. "He bought a farm at Jamaica, which involved him in difficulties, and the Sheriff levied on his effects." At times he dabbled in politics, which also gave him a great deal of trouble. At the end of his 30 years in that region, he came back to New Jersey, where he had spent the days of his boyhood and youth. His labors in these parts as pastor of the three Churches of Ponds, Preakness, and Wyckoff, continued from 1825 to 1842, when he was declared emeritus, and for eight and one-half years was without a charge, until he died Oct. 14, 1850, aged almost 80 years. (Van Benschoten). The *Minutes of the Classis of Passaic*, Apr. 15, 1851, Vol. 1, p. 166, say that Rev. Z. Kuypers died Oct. 5, 1850. "The History of the Reformed Dutch Church at Jamaica," p. 88, says it was Oct. 4. Which one of these is correct? Van Benschoten says: "the old man was a good scholar; wrote his sermons, committed them to memory, and delivered them without any gestures, his eyes closed, or directed to some object on the side of the house, as if trying to recollect" what was to come next. His sermons were good, and contained much scripture, of which he always quoted chapter and verse; but his delivery was so monotonous and mechanical, and his mind was so absorbed in recalling the words that followed every time, that he failed to give proper emphasis to what he said, and his preaching therefore to a large extent was without the desired result. While in New Jersey, it is said, he seldom or never prepared a new sermon, using his old stock,—his enemies on Long Island used to say that the sermons he used there were his father's.

Judge Garrison, of Oakland, has told us that the domine also loved music, and was himself a fair singer. His favorite tune was entitled "Majesty," which, oftener than any other, he gave out in his services.

Kuypers, while caring for his New Jersey charge, boarded with

Samuel Demarest, who lived about a mile southeast of the Ponds Church, on the road from there to Preakness, and likewise within fair access to Wyckoff, in the old stone house now (1899) occupied by the Cummings family. His room was on the second floor north, and was always called the domine's room. Samuel Demarest was the grandfather of the present Samuel Demarest living between Ponds Church and Oakland Station. The domine, although he boarded with Mr. Demarest, availed himself largely of the hospitality of his people, going about in his gig or buggy to his various appointments, as well as when he made pastoral visits. In order to fill his appointments, he would leave his boarding place some time on Saturday, or on Sunday morning as best suited him, or circumstances required, and would then spend his time the rest of the day, or over night, with the different families who wished to entertain him. He was socially inclined, and was fond of his pipe, which he seldom permitted to go out, except when necessary, and told long stories, especially of Long Island, which were eagerly listened to above all by the children. He was of a mild temper, unsuspecting, and lacked worldly wisdom. If the Sabbath was stormy, he did not meet his appointments, so that six, and sometimes nine, weeks would intervene between his preaching in a certain church,—although the people of Preakness, during these intervals, were not absolutely destitute of church privileges, since on pleasant Sundays, when there was no service in their own church, some of them would go to Totowa, Fairfield, Pompton Plains, Pompton, or Ponds, as best suited them, or according as they were nearer these churches. The Church here seems to have done fairly well under its first pastor, at any rate, for many years, or until he got too old.

We are told that originally Domine Kuypers, like the Master he served, was a carpenter. He could preach in both Dutch and English. He was never married, and as one (Rev. Dr. J. H. Dur-yea) has declared, "It was well, for he never received salary enough to support a wife." When he resigned Apr. 5, 1842, each of his three Churches paid him an extra \$100. In physical build, he was a very large, tall, (6 feet 2 inches), broad shouldered, and strong man. But many years before his death, which occurred in New York City, he was afflicted with the shaking palsy. He had brothers, Elias, Gerardus, William, and Peter, all of them ministers but the last. Elias became an Episcopalian. The other two were ministers of the Reformed Church.

When the Classis of Passaic was organized, and had its first meeting in June, 1839, at Pompton Plains, it consisted of the Churches of Pompton Plains, Pompton, Ponds, Preakness, Wyckoff, Stone House Plains, Montville, Fairfield, and Little Falls—a little more than half the size it is now, that is, so far as the number of Churches is concerned. The ministers of these Churches at that time were Revs. G. C. Schanck (Pompton Plains), I. S. Demund (Pompton), Z. H. Kuypers (Pond, Preakness and Wyckoff), A. C. Hillman (Stone House Plains), (Montville was without a pastor), and Joseph Wilson (Fairfield and Little Falls). All these Churches and brethren were from the Classis of Bergen. Revs. Schanck and Demund opposed the organization, because the Churches were all small, and some of them missionary Churches, but they were overruled. (Cruikshank.)

Domine Kuypers, as all the other ministers were, was present at that meeting, and was the first to sign the formula, and hence his name is the first one that was ever on the roll of this Classis. He was the oldest minister present, and, of course, the oldest one in the Classis at the time; and his signature plainly shows that his hand was very unsteady from what must have been the shaking palsy.

Brother Kuypers was likewise the first President of the Classis of Passaic. He seems, however, in those days to have been lacking in energy, and seldom had the statistical reports of any of his Churches ready for Classis when called for; while the general condition of his charge also was at low ebb, which ultimately brought about his forced resignation and retirement. At the next meeting of Classis after his death, a committee, consisting of Revs. Wilson, Schanck, and Ryerson, was appointed to prepare resolutions, "expressing the sense of this Classis under the solemn dispensations of Providence, whereby the Rev. Father Kuypers, and the Rev. John A. Liddell, have, within a short time past, been removed from earth, as we trust to the enjoyments of heaven." This committee reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

"WHEREAS, In the righteous Providence of God, two members of this Classis have, since our last stated session, departed to their eternal rest, viz: Rev. Z. H. Kuypers, in the 80th year of his age, and the Rev. John A. Liddell, in the 44th year of his age; therefore

"Resolved, That this Classis sympathize with the friends and relatives of the departed brethren, and particularly with the widow and family of Mr. Liddell, in the sudden removal from them of an affectionate husband

and father, and with the Church of which he was an accepted and devoted pastor.

*Resolved*, That the members of Classis, in view of the departure of their brethren to their final account, are admonished to be more diligent and faithful in their work, that when they receive the summons of their Lord, they may be ready to render an account of their stewardship with joy, and hear their Master say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

Thus we have the last of the records concerning one who for a long time was engaged in the work of a minister over this Church. However, there are still people living among us, and elsewhere, who well remember him.

Previous to 1842, when the labors of Domine Kuypers, with this, as with his other Churches, closed, we have only partial records of the Reformed Church of Preakness, *i. e.*, a few births, baptisms, and deaths, and no Consistorial Minutes at all—the old records otherwise either having been lost or destroyed. But from Dec. 25, 1842, the records of all kinds, so far as we know, are complete. The first baptism recorded on our Church books was performed by Domine Kuypers, *viz.*: that of Jane Maria Demarest, daughter of David Demarest, Jr., and Maria, his wife, born Apr. 25, 1831, and baptized May 16, 1831. There are thirty-five in all of these baptisms of his recorded, the last being that of John Ralph Stagg, Aug. 16, 1840. Domine Kuypers, so far as we know, does not appear to have married a single couple in Preakness, though naturally, as we all know, this could never have been;—the records were either never made or have been lost—most likely the latter. A few deaths and burials are given us for his time, but *only* a few—less indeed than twenty-five;—the first death and burial being that of Albert Berdan, who died Oct. 2, 1837, and was buried Oct. 4. As to Church members, or members received into the communion during his pastorate, we can judge only from what we learn by the records after his day. In Domine Staats's handwriting, we find a list of members, as rendered to the pastor Nov. 1, 1843,—in other words, those who were members when he assumed charge,—most, if not all, of them, presumably having been received by Domine Kuypers. We will give the list entire: Jeremiah Ryerson, and his wife, Rachel Van Saun, Leah Kip, widow of Jasper Dodd, John G. Van Winkle, and his wife, Margaret Van Ripper, Martin H. Berry, and his wife, Rachel Kip, Wilemina, wife of George S. Doremus, David D. Demarest, Jacob Berdan, Esq., Martin Van Winkle, John G. Doremus, and his wife, Mary, Margaret, wife of Martinus Hogen-camp, Mary Ann Doremus, widow of John Van Saun, Henry

Cooper, Francis Hendricks, and his wife, Ann Cooper, Ellen De-  
gray, widow of Garret Merselis, Harriet Merselis, Myndert Maby,  
Elizabeth Van Riper, widow of Peter De Witt, Jacob A. Berdan,  
and his wife, Catharine Demarest, Jacob B. Van Riper, and his  
wife, Mary Ann Van Riper,—in all twenty-six. No dates of re-  
ception are given.

## CHAPTER VII.

REV. JOHN WOODS, S. S.

On Christmas Day, in 1842, the Rev. John Woods, who had been supplying the Reformed Church of Montville, Morris County, N. J., for perhaps a year, commenced the discharge of his duties as stated supply at Preakness, and Preakness *only*, for the term of six months. The first meeting of Consistory under Mr. Woods was held Jan. 2, 1843, at the house of Martin Van Winkle, and the members present, besides Mr. Woods, who was elected President protem, were Elder Martin H. Berry, and Deacons, Martin Van Winkle, John Van Winkle, and Jacob Van Riper. There were other members of Consistory at the time who were absent, as testified to by a reference to them in the Minutes.

A weekly lecture, alternating between Upper Preakness and Lower Preakness, which was probably the beginning of that service in this Church was resolved on at that meeting. These lectures were held probably in the schoolhouses, as was customary in those days all over the country; or, it is true, they may have been held, occasionally at least, in private houses. Also at that same meeting it was ordered that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered on the first Sabbath in February. When it was likewise further determined to get the expression of the whole Consistory as to whether the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper thereafter should be celebrated quarterly or semi-annually.

The next meeting of Consistory occurred Jan. 12, in the Church, and the same members and no more were present, as at the other meeting. The question as to the administration of the Lord's Supper was considered, and it was decided to have it administered quarterly.

Other resolutions were:

1st. "That Mr. John Stagg be requested to produce the Church Register of Births and Burials, for the inspection of Consistory."

2nd. "That the last Sabbath in each month be the stated times for public baptisms; and that Consistory meet a short time before service at the church on such days, to examine the parents, when necessary."



3rd. "That the last Minute be read publicly next Sabbath, as a standing order of Consistory."

The third meeting of Consistory under Mr. Woods was held March 20, 1843, when the Birth and Burial Register was presented for inspection, and left in the hands of the Acting Pastor. The same members were present at this meeting, as at the other two meetings before it, and also at the one after it, on April 3rd, these being all the meetings of Consistory held under Mr. Woods.

From the Minutes of the last meeting, we learn that Francis Hendricks was the other Deacon of the Church at this time. The names of the other Elder, if there was then a full Consistory, cannot be obtained; but it may have been that Myndert Maybe was the other Elder.

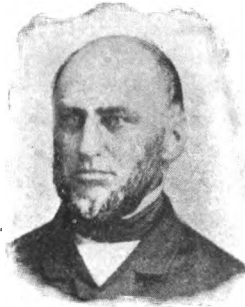
We know nothing of the earlier history of Mr. Woods, except that in 1835 and 1836, he served the Church at Gibbonsville, afterwards West Troy, N. Y., and now West Troy, North, and in 1838 only, he was stated supply at Montville. When he left Preakness in June, 1843, he appears to have left the Church. There are rumors abroad that he was weak in regard to the use of liquor. In fact, it was for that reason that he was not re-engaged for continued service here after his six months' term had expired. His compensation, while at work in this field was one hundred dollars as per receipt, which was just double that which Domine Kuypers had been getting. Mr. Woods was the first minister who served this Church exclusively for the time he was engaged. The Minutes of Consistory while he was here are in his handwriting, and are the first and oldest Consistory Records that we have. The Register of Births and Burials already referred to is the oldest Record Book of any kind that belongs to this Church. We admit, it was not kept in good shape; but as it is the best we have, we are glad to have it, such as it is. According to this Book, Mr. Woods, while in Preakness, baptized four infants, married two couples, and appears to have buried four persons, among them Elder Garret Merselis. Domine Woods was a man of marked ability, and it was declared could fill any Church. Dr. Duryea, of Totowa, used to say in regard to him, before his weakness became known, that there was something wrong about him, or he would not be a mere stated supply in a small country Church; and Dr. Duryea was right.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## THE PASTORATE OF THE REV. JOHN A. STAATS.

*Part I.*

Oct. 3rd, 1843, at a meeting of the Consistory, moderated by Rev. William J. Thompson, afterwards familiarly known as "The Tutor," because he once held the position of Tutor in Rutgers College, but who was at this time pastor of the Churches of Ponds and Wyckoff, a call was made on the Rev. John A. Staats, which was the same day presented to Classis, in session in the Preakness



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Church, and approved; when, Brother Staats having signified his acceptance of the same, arrangements were made for his installation,—said installation to occur on Tuesday, Nov. 21. But when that day came, a quorum of Classis not being present, the installation was again fixed for Dec. 12, when the Rev. Joseph Wilson, of Fairfield and Little Falls, presided and proposed the Constitutional Questions; the Rev. John L. Janeway, of Montville, preached the sermon; the Rev. Garret C. Schanck, of Pompton Plains, delivered the charge to the pastor; and the Rev. Horace Doolittle, of Pompton, the charge to the people. Brother Staats entered upon his duties Oct. 25, 1843,—about six weeks before his installation, (which is quite customary with ministers in our Church, after receiving a call), and for eighteen years, and over, or until late in November, 1861, remained uninterruptedly at his post. A young

man of only 27 when he came, and just 45 when he left, he put in the best part of his life here; while we believe it is not too much to say, that the Church in this place, during his long pastorate, the longest of any yet, saw the days of its greatest growth and prosperity, not in regard to numbers and membership so much, as in regard to activity, position, and influence in the neighborhood.

Rev. John A. Staats came from Holland ancestry. He was born at Millstone, N. J., Dec. 28, 1816; was graduated at Rutgers College in 1836, in the class with George H. Stitt, a prominent lawyer of New York City, and in his day clerk of the Collegiate Church there, who was also a brother of Rev. Charles H. Stitt, a brother-in-law of Mr. Staats; Hon. William A. Newell, once Governor of the State of New Jersey, and afterwards Governor also of Washington Territory; Prof. George W. Coakley, of New York University and the College of St. James, Maryland; Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, U. S. Senator, and Secretary of State from 1881 to 1885, under President Chester A. Arthur; Hon. Joseph P. Bradley, of the U. S. Supreme Court; Hon. Cortlandt Parker, a noted lawyer and prominent citizen, of Newark, N. J.; and others.

We have seen that the Rev. Charles H. Stitt, D.D., as well as being his classmate, was likewise a brother-in-law of Mr. Staats. Other brothers-in-law of his were the Rev. George S. Mott, D.D., for many years pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Flemington, N. J.; and the Rev. George Schenck, who for twelve years was pastor of the Reformed Church of Bedminster, N. J. These four clerical brethren married four sisters, the daughters of John Acken, of New Brunswick, N. J.

After his graduation from College, Mr. Staats engaged for a year in the work of civil engineering, at the close of which he entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, being moved so to do by the late Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, Sc.D., then his young companion and friend.

Dr. Cruikshank once told the writer that Mr. Staats confessed this to him in after years. Having graduated from the Seminary in 1840, Brother Staats was soon licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick, and settled, early the following year, on a salary of \$400 per annum, over the Reformed Church of Clintonville, also called Camptown, now Irvington, a congregation that had just been organized, where, however, he labored for only about six months. There was no church building at Clintonville at that time,—the congregation had not had a chance yet to put one up,—but worship

was conducted in what was known as Sherman's Schoolhouse. While at Clintonville, Mr. Staats married Elizabeth Acken, who still (1902) survives him, a daughter, as we have seen, of John Acken, Esqr., of New Brunswick.

From *Taylor's Annals of the Classis of Bergen, &c.*, p. 369, we take the following extract: "On the 8th of December, 1840, a call upon Mr. John A. Staats, then a candidate for the gospel ministry, was made by this Church, and duly approved. On the 19th of January, 1841, he was examined for ordination. On the next day the ordination and installation services were rendered, the Rev. John Knox, D.D., of New York, having preached the sermon, on Ezekiel 3: 17. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. Ransford Wells, and that to the people by Rev. Alexander H. Warner. On July 28th of the same year, Mr. Staats felt it to be his duty to resign his charge, and the Classis found it necessary to dissolve the connection. This unexpected turn in the affairs of this congregation, was the occasion of disheartening them for a little season."

For more than three years after leaving Clintonville, or until he came to Preakness, Brother Staats was without a charge. From here in 1861, he went to Blooming Grove, N. Y., in the Classis of Rensselaer, where he remained until 1866, after which he was without charge again during the rest of his life; but preached as he had opportunity in various churches, as stated or other supply. He died at or near Goshen, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1891, in the 75th year of his age. His funeral services were held from his late residence there, on Friday, Feb. 6, 1891, and were conducted by Rev. H. Hageman, of High Falls, and Rev. S. W. Mills, of Port Jervis, assisted by several neighboring clergymen. His remains lie interred in Slate Hill Cemetery, at Goshen.

For the last three years of his life, Mr. Staats was laid aside by increasing infirmities, until finally death brought a happy release, and he was called to come up higher. For over twenty years, therefore, without a charge from the time he left Blooming Grove in 1866, he was engaged in supplying vacant Churches, as opportunity offered, and in assisting his brethren of whatever denomination in the ministry, who needed help. We learn that, in some instances, as was the case with the Reformed Churches of New Prospect and Esopus, these services "were rendered from one to two or more years continuously in the same Church, and have been of great value to them." At Esopus, during the year that he served

the people there, from Spring to Spring, 1881-2, a new parsonage was built, and 12 persons were received into the membership of the Church. Many a feeble and despondent congregation has been greatly strengthened and encouraged by Brother Staats's ministrations, and holds him in grateful remembrance. He delighted in work of this kind, going long distances in summer's heat and winter's cold, and amid great exposure, and sometimes no little bodily suffering, to do his Master's work." (The Christian Intelligencer.)

These twenty years or more until his death Mr. Staats spent on his farm, near Goshen, which he bought after leaving Blooming Grove, a property that for years before he bought it, he admired the quality and location of, as he passed back and forth on his vacation drives with his family, from New Jersey to New York, or *vice versa*. His son, John H. Staats, now (1902) owns and lives on the old homestead.

Brother Staats came to Preakness in a particularly happy time, both for himself and the Preakness Church. The Church was small, and the people were discouraged. They had never had a minister to themselves, until Mr. Woods came, and he was here such a little while, only as stated supply, that he did them little, if any good. Besides, matters were worse, when it was found out what kind of a minister Mr. Woods was. Mr. Staats, on the other hand, a man of sterling character and integrity, was well adapted to his new field. He had been a long time looking around for a settlement, and at once took to Preakness, when he found it, and the people of Preakness took to him. For a few years he occupied, with his family, the West end of the large house on the farm now owned by Mrs. Cahill, formerly known as the Esquire Merselis, and later, Schuyler, and still later (when he was there), Voorhees place. Here he resided, until he moved into the parsonage in 1846 or 1847, built and finished largely through his own determination and perseverance. When the Domine came to Preakness, the people went to New Brunswick in wagons for his goods.

At the first meeting of Consistory under the Rev. J. A. Staats, Feb. 3, 1844, when the first applicants to the communion under his pastorate were received, the following Elders and Deacons were present: Martin H. Berry, David D. Demarest, John G. Doremus, Elders, and Jacob B. Van Riper, John G. R. Van Winkle, and Martin Van Winkle, Deacons. The members received into the communion were Uriah J. Van Riper and wife, from the Reformed Church of Acquackanonk, and Catharine, wife of D. D. Demarest,

from the Reformed Church of Pompton. Also Maria, wife of David Demarest, Jr., was received on confession. It was undertaken at this meeting to start to repair the Church edifice; that is, "On motion it was resolved that public notice be given from the pulpit of a meeting of the male portion of the Congregation, on Thursday, the 15th inst., at 1 p. m., in the Church, for the purpose of devising ways and means to repair the church edifice." But nothing, it seems, came of it, or nothing directly, for the real beginning of this work was not until Nov. 21, 1851. The first statistical report of the Church, made out about this time, shows that the congregation consisted of 54 families, and that the membership of the Church was 29. The remarks sent in to Classis in connection with this report were also very enthusiastic and encouraging. In July, another change was made in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to three times a year instead of four, viz: the first Sundays in September, January, and May. The next statistical report, that of 1845, showed a net increase of 6 in membership, and a Sunday School, which was first organized within the year, with 96 names of officers, teachers, and pupils, on its roll, and an average attendance of 80. The work was very encouraging, although it also had its gloomy aspects, "because," it was said, "many stand halting between two opinions, and those who have borne the ark of God give evidence that ere long they must be gathered to their fathers."

In the report for this year, auxiliary work for the American Tract Society is spoken of, and the distribution of bound volumes and tracts of the Society's publications is referred to as having found an unexpected welcome; but we learn nothing more of this work in subsequent reports, and suppose, therefore, that it gradually died out.

We want to say a word in this connection in regard to the Church Sunday School. Organized in the spring or summer of 1844, shortly after the beginning of the pastorate of the Rev. J. A. Staats, as we have seen, with an enrollment the first year of 96, which fluctuated from that number down to 50 in 1849-50, and from 50 again up to 120, the last year of his pastorate (1861), it has been in constant operation ever since, during the summer months, and some years all the year round, with the single exception of the year in which the new church was built (1852), when there was no Sunday School, either winter or summer, although the children were *catechised* once a month that year.

As a rule, the Church Sunday School, under subsequent pas-

torates, has not been so large as it was during Mr. Staats's pastorate, due principally to there not being so many older persons in it. In 1874, during the pastorate of Rev. A. A. Zabriskie, its enrollment was 100; and the only other time the enrollment reached that figure was during the present pastorate, in 1892. In 1875, the Lower Preakness Sunday School was organized; and then, of course, in the two schools together, there was a greater enrollment, the number that year reaching 175. But it was never as great as that again. In 1877, it was 150. In 1889 and 1891, it was 130, that is, in the two schools combined. The Superintendents of the Church Sunday School have been Rev. J. A. Staats, Rev. C. B. Durand, Rev. S. T. Cole, Rev. A. A. Zabriskie, John Hennion, I. W. Blain, James D. Berdan, J. F. Day, Richard D. Bensen, Rev. Geo. W. Labaw.

Mr. Staats in 1845, on resolution of the Consistory, made out the salary lists for the Deacons, which we never heard of a pastor's doing in any other Church, but which this Preakness pastor, after he began, seems to have done more or less regularly for years,—perhaps almost as long as his pastorate lasted,—as well as look over the accounts of the treasurer—thereby practically auditing them.

Preparatory Service now began to be held on Thursday afternoons. Before this, it had been on Saturdays. Possibly this was about the time the Preakness people commenced to spend their Saturdays, or the greater part of them, in Paterson,—or it was becoming more and more of a custom for them so to do,—as in these days you would hardly think a person could live in Preakness, if he was not used to spending his Saturdays, or at any rate, his Saturday *afternoons*, in the city. Even the pastor, after a while, no matter what he has previously been accustomed to, gets to be like the people. In these days, Preparatory Service before each communion is, and for many years has been, held on Friday afternoons, and not Thursday, as at first when changed from Saturday,—the day usually selected for that purpose in country Churches.

In the statistical report of the next year, 1846, the number of families in the congregation remains the same as the two previous years, that is, 54. There is an increase of one in the membership, while the average attendance at Sunday School has fallen five to seventy-five.

As we have already intimated, there was no parsonage, or, according to the language or terms of those days, "parsonage house," in Preakness when Domine Staats came here in 1843,—the main reason probably being that none had been needed, Domine Kuypers

having been a bachelor, and Domine Woods also having been either a bachelor or a widower, or, it may, his wife, if he had one living, never came with him to this country from England. But the necessity for a parsonage was now realized, when it was felt that Domine Staats, a young man with a family, was going to make a success of his work; besides the congregation was growing.

The movement to build the Preakness Manse appears to have started with the passing around of subscription papers, of which there are two with characteristic headings in Domine Staats's handwriting:

"We, the subscribers, do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs and assigns, to pay on demand, in cash, labor, or material, as below specified, the sums opposite our respective names, to the order of the Consistory of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Preakness, in Passaic Co., New Jersey, for the purpose of erecting a Parsonage House, and the requisite outbuildings on a lot containing two acres to be gratuitously deeded to the said Consistory by Peter Voorhees and Garret Berdan for this purpose, one half by each, the same lying opposite to the head of the Lower Preakness lane."

(Dated)

PREAKNESS, Jan. 12, 1846.

The subscribers on the Upper Preakness paper, with amounts subscribed, were: Peter P. Voorhees, \$100; Peter G. Merselis, \$35; Garret P. Haring, \$50; John G. Doremus, \$50; Jacob A. Berdan, \$15; Uriah J. Van Riper, \$25; Jacob B. Van Riper, \$100; Peter Perrine, \$25; John D. Merselis, \$20; Abraham Van Houten, \$10; Mrs. Ellen Merselis, \$25; Nicholas Jones, \$5;—and afterwards without date the following additions seem to have been made: Uriah J. Van Riper, \$5; Cash, .50; Henry Casey, \$1; Garret Haring, \$5; Elizabeth De Witt, \$2; Peter G. Merselis, \$2; Mrs. Ellen Merselis, \$10; Abraham Van Houten, \$5; Elexander Milne, \$1. Total, \$491.50.

The subscribers, with amounts subscribed on the Lower Preakness paper, were: Martin Van Winkle, \$25; Garret Berdan, \$25; Sickles and Traphagen, \$45; Nicholas Kip, \$50; John Stagg, Jr., \$25; Martin H. Berry, \$50; John G. R. Van Winkle, \$50; Richard J. Berdan, \$25; Nicholas Jacobus, \$10; Edo Van Saun, \$10; Mary Ann Van Saun, \$2; John Van Winkle, \$10; David Demarest, Jr., \$15; Jerem. Ryerson, \$20;—and afterwards under date of March 9, 1847, second time: Jeremiah Ryerson, \$25; Nicholas Kip, \$15; Henry K. Berry, \$10; John Van Winkle, \$3; Martin H. Berry, \$10; Cornelius Kip, \$5; Richard J. Berdan, \$10; John R.



Van Winkle, \$10; Mindert Maby, \$10; Martynes Hogencamp, \$5. Total, \$465.

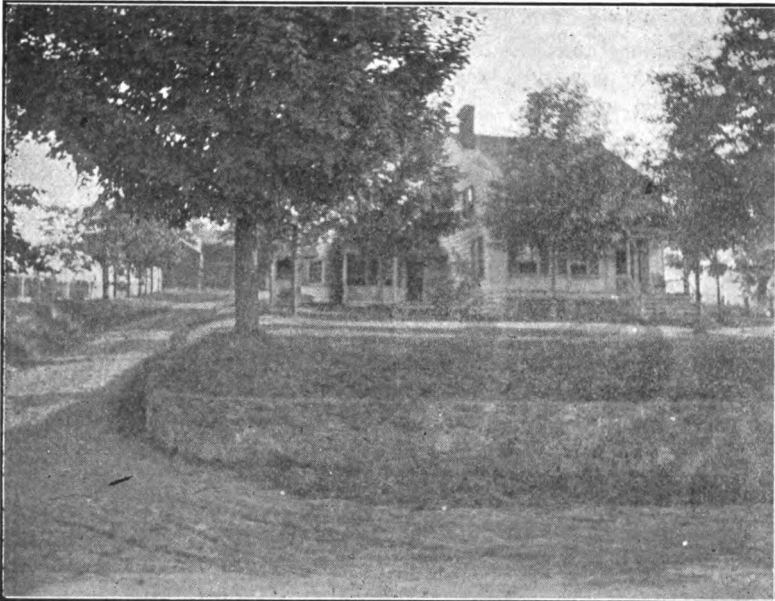
We have since found, where these accounts were kept, the following additional subscriptions: Henry Hopper, \$15; Mr. Miller, \$1; Mr. Web, .50. Total, \$16.50.

Making a grand total of \$973.00. So far as credits, however, are given only \$724.75, was ever paid, although amounts may have been paid in, and probably were, that were not credited.

Just when the work of building actually began, we are not sure; but most likely early in the summer of 1846, as in the Consistorial Minutes, under date of June 8, of that year, reference is made to the parsonage Subscription Fund, and Treasurer Uriah J. Van Riper was directed to collect at least \$225 of the amount, and as much more as he conveniently could. Work must have begun very soon after this; for if the Domine was not in his house, with his family, before the year was out, he was in it very early in 1847. Naturally before any subscriptions were thought of, much less solicited, we judge from the headings of the papers, that the location for the new house was selected both by the Domine and the people, with an eye to beauty as well as centrality of situation; the only drawback in these days to it being that it is too far away from the church. Of course, it may have been also that the spot where the house was put was really the only available one, or the most available one at the time, the parties owning the land being willing to convey it on the most favorable terms, or without material consideration,—a matter indeed of considerable importance to a weak and struggling Church. The parcel of land known as the Parsonage Lot was conveyed for the sum of one dollar by Peter Voorhees, Garret Berdan, and Rebecca, wife of Garret Berdan, to the Consistory, Feb. 13, 1846. This tract consists of two acres, one of which, the Western half of the lot, was given by Peter Voorhees, and the other, the Eastern half, by Garret Berdan and his wife. The members of Consistory to whom this conveyance was made were Jeremiah Ryerson, Jacob Berdan, John G. Doremus, and Martin H. Berry, Elders, and John G. R. Van Winkle, Jacob A. Berdan, Uriah J. Van Riper, and Martin Van Winkle, Deacons. The stipulation is that the property described in the conveyance or deed shall be used only for a Parsonage Lot, and with the understanding that it shall in no case, and under no circumstances, be alienated to any other purpose.

After this much was accomplished, the people went to work, but

especially the Domine. He raised money and got materials together as donations, with all the voluntary days' work and carting he could induce the people to promise him, and in due time succeeded in putting up a good sized, well appointed (for the day), and comfortable story and a half, with kitchen addition and shed, frame country house, as well as barn, carriage house, wood shed, &c., the carpenter work having been done by John Debow, Jr. We find in the records, however, that at a meeting of the Consistory on Mch. 8, 1847, after the house was finished, a debt of \$400 still remained on



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BUILT IN 1846.

it. At the same meeting Jeremiah Ryerson and Nicholas Kip, for Lower Preakness, and G. I. Doremus and J. A. Berdan, for Upper Preakness, were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions; but they did not do well, as after they had been around, the sum of about \$300 was still needed. Another committee was appointed Mch. 30, 1848, which did better, said committee being Rev. J. A. Staats, and the Elders. Aug. 31, 1848, it was reported to the Consistory that the notes held against them on this account had been paid and taken up.

There are three papers in our hands on which these *last* subscriptions to the debt were made,—the subscriptions on them amounting in all to \$293.81. With the \$100, therefore, raised on the debt before this, by the other committee, the whole shortage on the parsonage, to the great joy of the people, was wholly provided for.

It may be well for us, as we have such a paper, signed by the Domine and Uriah J. Van Riper, under date of March 25, 1850, as their final report to the Consistory on this business, to give at least the totals actually paid by each subscriber, in cash, labor, or materials, in these various efforts combined.

The names and amounts are as follows:

Martin Van Winkle, \$32.56 1-4; Miss Elizabeth Van Winkle, \$1; Garret Berdan, \$25; Richard J. Berdan, \$57.60; Mrs. Rich'd Berdan, \$5; Edo Van Saun, \$7; Martin H. Berry, \$75.96; Mrs. Martin H. Berry, \$5; Henry K. Berry, \$10; Geo. G. Doremus, \$0.25; Mrs. Mary A. Van Saun, \$2; Wm. Sickles, \$58; Mrs. Wm. Sickles, \$1; Nicholas Kip, \$77.71; David Demarest, Jr., \$20; John Stagg, Jr., \$30; Mr. Miller, (Teacher), \$1; S. C. Merrill, (Teacher), \$0.50; Benjamin S. Romeyn, \$1; J. G. Van Winkle, \$83.63; John Van Winkle, Jr., \$13; Isaac Vanderhoof, \$1; Cornelius Kip, \$5; Peter G. Doremus, \$1; Jeremiah Ryerson, \$79.16; Mrs. Jerem. Ryerson, \$5; Peter C. Post, \$1; Peter Quackenbush, \$3; Cash (from Pompton Congregation), \$0.50; Leah Dodd, \$0.06 1-4; Jacob B. Van Riper, \$130.86; Mrs. J. B. Van Riper, \$5; Uriah J. Van Riper, \$34.28; Jacob A. Berdan, \$18.73; Albert I. Berdan, \$5; John D. Berdan, \$1; Miss Rebecca Berdan, \$1; Miss Margaret Berdan, \$1; Mrs. Elizabeth De Witt, \$11.95; Garret P. Herring, \$75; Peter G. Merselis, \$40; Mrs. Ellen Merselis, \$45; John D. Merselis, \$20; Peter P. Voorhees, \$101.35; Peter Perrine, \$45.50; Nicholas Jones, \$10; Myndert Maby, \$16; Abram Van Houten, \$16; Mrs. Abram Van Houten, \$1; Martinus Hogencamp, \$5; Wm. S. Hogencamp, \$5; Peter S. Post, \$1; Henry Perrine, \$0.25; Henry M. Brown, \$1; Henry R. Sisco, \$0.50; Wm. O. Rote, \$2; Peter A. Smith, \$3; John S. Hinchman, \$1; James Hinchman, \$2; Wm. Hinchman, \$1; Wm. Comers, \$1; Mrs. Catharine Voorhees, \$0.50; Jacob Duryee, \$1; Francis Torbet, \$1; David Marinus, \$0.50; Wm. H. Doremus, \$1; Geo. I. Doremus, \$2; Alex. Milne, \$2; Albert B. D. Voorhees, \$1; Gabriel Aken, \$1; Miss Martha Aken, \$0.25; John Redner, \$1; Robert Martin, \$2; John G. Doremus, \$57.18; Henry Hopper, \$35; Mrs. Henry Hopper, \$1; Albert

B. Voorhees, \$1; Miss Harriet Merselis, \$2; John A. Staats, \$110.60. Total, \$1,424.38.

A note with which this paper closes reads thus:

"In addition to the contributions specified above there has been fencing material, labor, and carting rendered gratuitously by members of the congregation in general, which, if accurately accounted for, would doubtless swell the aggregate to the sum of \$1,600."

A few years after this, instead of adding a room, or a wing, on the East end of the parsonage, for the pastor's study (14 x 18 feet as was contemplated) a basement room was fitted up in the front part of the cellar of the house, which admitted of ordinary sized windows being put in it, and Domine Staats used this for his study the rest of his pastorate. The cost of this work, with some other odd jobs thrown in, which in the rendering of accounts Sept. 24, 1856, were all lumped together, was only \$88.17. We have learned from the Rev. David E. Post, pastor (1901) of the Baptist Church of Gilbertsville, Otsego County, N. Y., who with his parents, when a child, for four years, lived in Preakness, that his earliest religious impressions were received, at the age of seven, while attending "singing meetings," as he calls them, in this basement study of Domine Staats's; and he believes he was truly converted at that time. But after Domine Staats's pastorate here, no other minister ever used this room for any length of time as his study. Domine Durand tried it for a little while, but his throat was affected with the dampness, and he had to give it up. In 1893, a piazza was built along the front of the house, considerably changing the appearance of the building, and darkening the cellar basement windows. When the parsonage well was being dug by Wm. F. Ryerson, the work having progressed to the depth of about 30 feet, a colored man who was helping fell in by Mr. Ryerson, but not upon him, and, according to one report, that of Garret Van Winkle, of Detroit, Michigan, was killed; but according to another report, that of a son of Mr. Ryerson, was not much hurt.

The year the parsonage was built there seems to have been considerable agitation over the interment of strangers in the old burying ground back of the church, which was rather rapidly filling up. At a meeting of the Consistory Jan. 1, 1847, it was

*"Resolved,* That hereafter the Consistory require compensation for the privilege of interring strangers in their burial ground; and that the sexton be informed of this, and requested to act in accordance." It was also

*"Resolved,* That the prices of interment be fixed at some future day."

This was done at the next meeting of Consistory, March 8, 1847, when the price was fixed at \$4.00 for an adult, and \$2.00 for a child under twelve years. It was further *resolved* at this latter meeting,

"That all living within the bounds of the congregation, or paying salary, and all who can trace back a family connection to the builders or former supporters of this Church, shall have a right of sepulture without charge."

John Stagg, Jr., was Sexton, as well as Chorister at this time; but he soon, (Apr. 2, 1847) resigned. Was this the reason? When it was

"*Resolved*, That hereafter the person chosen to this office hold it for two years or until another be elected."

The agitation at any rate over this matter of burials appears to have continued; for on March 30, 1848, at another meeting of the Consistory, it was

"*Resolved*, That hereafter such persons as live within the bounds of Preakness, and support the Gospel elsewhere, while they do not pay salary here, shall, in case they apply for the privilege of burial in this Ground, be taxed the same as strangers."

It is further added that

"This resolution is not intended to exclude from this privilege such as are spoken of in lines 6, 7, and 8 from the bottom of page recording meeting of March 8, 1847, which refers to those paying salary, or "who can trace back a family connection to the builders or former supporters of this Church."

Four days before this last Resolution, probably at a special meeting of the Consistory, an application was made by Deacon Martin Van Winkle to have "the East boundary of the burying ground removed in the Southeast corner nine feet to the East, the same to be for a burial plot for his family, and to be extended North whenever necessary." The application was granted by the Consistory; but no mention is made anywhere, so far as we have seen, that the privilege was made use of; yet we believe it was made use of, and that some of the Van Winkle family were buried in the aforesaid S. E. corner,—the bodies, however, having since been taken up and put in the New Cemetery south of the church, where Martin Van Winkle himself is buried. Also the nine foot addition at that time made in the aforesaid corner appears to have been extended later to the north, as there are several more recent interments, and none earlier, in the strip east of that in which Edo Merseiles and others lie, and which latter strip no doubt was the original eastern boundary of the burying ground.

Nov. 19, 1847, after the Sunday School had closed for the winter, it was *resolved* in Consistory that a Bible Class be established, to meet one Sabbath afternoon a month in each neighborhood; that is, every two weeks alternately,—the same to continue until Sabbath School be resumed; and that the second volume of Union Questions be then used. The neighborhoods referred to here were those of Upper Preakness and Lower Preakness, the people from both sections to a considerable extent attending all these meetings. This arrangement, when spring opened, contrary to the original purpose, was continued through the following summer, and again the subsequent fall, and so on, by successive resolutions or understanding from year to year, during the rest of Domine Staats's pastorate. There is also some evidence that there was a class a year earlier than 1847, although we are not positive about that. The highest number reported as belonging to this class was 46, and the lowest 15. The lowest number was reported in 1847,—when it began; the highest in 1848 and 1850. Mr. Staats appears likewise to have had a second Bible Class, which met on Saturday afternoons, probably bi-monthly in private houses in the Mountain View neighborhood, (Mead's Basin, as it was then called), and extending down almost to the Two Bridges. This was organized most likely somewhat later than 1847, and was, we suppose, more of a neighborhood than a Consistorial, or congregational affair. Both these Classes were maintained beyond Mr. Staats's time, at any rate through the whole of Mr. Durand's pastorate, and the Upper and Lower Preakness Class anyhow for at least a year during Mr. Cole's pastorate.

Oct. 31, 1848, the Pastor was authorized to take measures to obtain signatures to a petition to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, asking that the acre on which the church stands be vested in the Trustees of the Congregation, (the Church had been incorporated Sept. 12, 1811), which plan in due time was carried out, and resulted in the following Act:

Assembly—No. 135,  
State of New Jersey."

*"An Act to vest certain real estate in the trustees of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Congregation of Preakness, in the county of Passaic."*

"WHEREAS, certain real estate, situate in the township of Wayne in the county of Passaic, was heretofore conveyed to David Demarest, Samuel Van Saun, Richard Van Ripper, Jacob Berdan, Henry B. Spear, and John Van Winkle, and all the rest of the builders of the Church in Preakness, in the county of Bergen, by one Edo Marselis, by deed bearing date the seventh day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and

which tract of ground has been occupied by the said Church building, and for a burying ground; and

"WHEREAS, the persons now composing said congregation have unanimously desired that the title of said property should become vested in the trustees of said congregation by their corporate name; therefore

"BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That all that tract or lot of ground on which has been erected the Preakness Church, situate in the township of Wayne, in the county of Passaic, and which lot or parcel of ground, consisting of one acre, was conveyed to David Demarest, and others in the preamble named, by one Edo Marselis, by deed, bearing date the seventh day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be and the same shall hereafter be vested and remain in the trustees of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Congregation of Preakness, in the said county."

This Act was passed by the New Jersey Legislature March 19, 1851. (See Laws of New Jersey, 1851, p. 438.) The object in having it passed, was, as we will see later on, in order to secure help, which was never granted, to build a much needed new church edifice.

Domine Staats, after being comfortably settled in his new parsonage, felt very much at home, and like other ministers of his day, and especially as the inclination was more fully developed in later life, was disposed to do a little farming. Besides his horse, which he could not get along without, and which was always a good one,—for he liked to drive a good horse, and did not want a poor one,—the Domine further took a hand also in raising colts, and generally had one or two of these coming on. He also kept a cow or two, as well as pigs or hogs, and a few fowls. Hence, the two-acre lot about the parsonage, which, as a rule, has been too large for all the other ministers here after him, was not large enough for him. The people naturally had to gratify the desires of one so well adapted to them, and whom they all liked, and so in 1849, another tract of land, at one time called the parsonage farm, consisting of 5 86-100 acres, below the parsonage, across the Singac Brook and on the road to Paterson, was, for the sum of \$293, May 22, 1849, conveyed by John G. Doremus and Mary Ann, his wife, to the Consistory, still made up of the same persons as are named in the parsonage lot deed. This meadow property was in the possession of the Church from that time until the summer of 1898, almost 50 years, when it was sold for \$400 to J. W. Hinchman. The lot or property thus referred to, when bought, was paid for by a note of \$76, which the Consistory held against Mr. Doremus, by cash subscriptions raised by the people of the congregation to the amount of \$59, and by \$158 borrowed on note, the interest on which Mr. Staats agreed to

pay, and paid, until he was released from the obligation, in 1852. The cash subscriptions above mentioned were as follows:

Garret P. Haring, \$10; Jeremiah Ryerson, Nicholas Kip, William Sickles, Martin H. Berry, Richard J. Berdan, Peter Perrine, Jacob B. Van Riper, each \$5; Peter G. Merselis, \$3; David Tomkins, Henry Hooper, Myndert Maby, each \$2; and Jacob De Witt, Peter A. Smith, Henry M. Brown, Albert Berdan, and Abram Van Houten, each \$1.

Although most likely it had been established for some time, we notice in the minutes nothing of the weekly lecture, until Nov. 8, 1849, and then we read, that for the greater convenience of the Upper Neighborhood, it was resolved that their Wednesday evening lecture be held at private houses; and that the pastor be instructed to appoint it in such places as will best accommodate all who desire to attend. We see consequently that the custom of a weekly lecture, now changed into a prayer meeting, has been established here already for over half a century; while we cannot tell how much longer than that. Probably a great part of the time from the first, alternating between Upper Preakness and Lower Preakness, the week day service has been held in the respective schoolhouses, as it has been for years and years back, particularly in Lower Preakness, —notwithstanding we have in later years, so far as Upper Preakness is concerned, returned to the cottage prayer meeting again.



## CHAPTER IX.

## THE PASTORATE OF THE REV. JOHN A. STAATS.

*Part II.*

The old church stood and served the purpose for which it was built, about 54 years. For a country church it was considered in its day a neat and handsome structure. The late George A. Haggerty, a prominent electrical inventor and contractor, whose office was at No. 201 East Forty-seventh street, and his residence at No. 504 Fifth avenue, New York City, who died May 16, 1898, in his 62nd year, of Bright's disease, after an illness of thirty-six hours' duration, and was buried from Calvary Church, Fourth avenue and Twenty-first street, spent several years of his boyhood and youth in Preakness, with the late John S. Hinchman, who, at that time, lived on what is now (1902) the Charles H. Tintle place. Mr. Hinchman bought that place in 1848, and built on it the next year, in which year also Haggerty came to him at the age of 12 or 13. Living so near the church, Mr. Hinchman, for perhaps a couple of years, was often looked to, or volunteered at times, in the absence or disability of the sexton, to open the building and make the fires, and generally on such occasions he took with him this boy Haggerty, who in after years, on occasions, whenever he referred to those days, was very apt to declare the love he had for the old church, of which he said he always thought more than he did of the new one erected in its place.

This new edifice, the present one, was erected in 1852, largely of the material of the old structure. It is composed principally of stone, although the facing of the walls is of brick, except on the back end, which is both faced and built solidly of stone. Only after considerable debate, however, was it, that the new church was put up in this way. Quite a number of the congregation wanted a frame building, after the model of the old Second Presbyterian Church, since burned down (about 1875), in Morristown, N. J., which had then been standing about ten years, and which greatly pleased those who went to look at it. Several times before the work of rebuilding commenced, repairs were contemplated or attempted on the old church, but in every instance the movement failed for lack

of unanimity, until in 1851 the final move was made. The old church at this time was so much out of order,—besides the congregation was growing,—with such promise of continued growth,—that a larger building, as well as a better one, was very much needed.

The statistical tables from 1845 to 1850 show a slow, steady growth, in families, membership and size of congregation;—families, from 54 in 1845, to 70 in 1850; members, 35 in 1845, and 42 in 1850; number of persons in congregation, in 1845, 308, and in 1850, 350.

As we have seen, application had already been made to the State Legislature for an Act vesting the acre on which the church stands in the Consistory, as "Trustees of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Congregation of Preakness," and the application had been granted,—the cost of said grant being only \$5.00,—a very moderate sum as we in these days can not help but regard it. This Act, it seems, had been obtained, thereby making the property, the property of the congregation, and hence in a sense, of the Dutch Reformed Church at large, so that it could not be so easily alienated to another denomination, in order that, as was contemplated, aid for building purposes, in the sum of \$1,000, might be secured from the Collegiate Church of New York City, which had been already conferred with, with that end in view. Whereas, before this, this acre, having been originally deeded to individuals, the title was in them, or in their survivors, and after these, in their heirs, or any of them, which was certainly not a very desirable condition of affairs. Although the move here made was a good one, and one which to a considerable degree at the time appeared necessary, the aid sought of the Collegiate Church was never allowed, and the congregation had to get along as well as it could, depending altogether upon itself, and the efforts of the pastor and people, a circumstance, moreover, which was not after all, as things turned out, so great a misfortune.

A special meeting of the congregation was called for Nov. 27, 1851, whose object was, "the improvement of our church edifice in respect to comfort and convenience." On motion at this meeting it was resolved that the church be repaired. A committee of five, consisting of John G. R. Van Winkle, Peter G. Merselis, John M. Van Winkle, John Stagg, Jr., and Henry Hopper, was appointed to examine and consider what repairs were needed. This committee on Dec. 11, reported the following items and expenses, to wit:

Repairing the steeple .....	\$50.00
New roof on North side.....	100.00
Lath and Plastering .....	100.00
Pulpit .....	50.00
Fixing pews and gallery .....	300.00
A total of .....	<u>\$600.00</u>

In addition to this, the floors and sleepers were found to be defective, and what expense would be incurred by these items the committee could not estimate until the old pews were removed.

The next thing of course was to raise the money. On Christmas Day, at the close of divine service the congregation met with John Stagg in the chair and J. A. Staats, clerk. It was resolved that a committee be appointed to ascertain what amount of subscriptions could be raised for a *new* church. The idea of repairing the old building had now been given up. The following were appointed as this committee: William Sickles, Martin Van Winkle, Uriah J. Van Riper, John A. Staats, David Tomkins, Albert I. Berdan, William C. Stratton, Peter Perrine, Robert Martin, and Nicholas Jones. On the same day, a subscription paper, (and perhaps more than one, although we have no other), was started, of which the following, with the signatures, is a true copy:

"To encourage the Trustees of the Protestant Ref. Dutch Congregation of Preakness, N. J., in erecting a new Church edifice, we the subscribers hereby agree to pay to their order the sums opposite our names at such times and in such proportions as they may demand. Dec. 25, 1851.

Names.	
Andrew Van Riper .....	\$30.00
Peter A. Smith .....	25.00
Harvey Miller .....	5.00
Albert B. Voorhees .....	25.00
Harriet Merselis .....	25.00
David Tomkins .....	100.00
J. M. Van Winkle .....	25.00
G. C. Tomkins .....	25.00
Edo. Van Saun .....	20.00
Uriah J. Van Riper .....	30.00
Martin Van Winkle .....	25.00
Richard J. Berdan .....	60.00
James D. Berdan .....	15.00

A month after this subscription was started, others were added to the committee, viz: Richard J. Berdan, Alexander Beattie, of St. Andrews, Orange County, N. Y., who was a schoolteacher here then, and Peter P. Voorhees, of New York City, son of Peter Voorhees, who at that time lived on what has since been known as the Campbell place, and who gave to the Consistory half of the parsonage lot. On Apr. 5, 1852, the congregation met to hear the

report of this committee, when it was found that \$1,266 had been pledged within the congregation, and \$504 from outside. Some of this outside aid may have been secured from the other Churches in the Classis, as in the *Minutes of Classis*, under date of Jan. 13, 1852, we find the following:

"Art. 24. Particularia: The Rev. Mr. Staats, in behalf of the Consistory of the Church of Preakness stated that their Church were about engaging in an effort to build a new church edifice, and that among their own congregation they would be able to raise about \$1,500, and would need aid from other churches. They request a recommendation for such aid."

When it was

"Resolved, That the Church of Preakness be recommended to the churches for aid towards the erection of a church edifice."

A. G. RYEBSON, President.

G. C. SCHANCK, Clerk.

A building committee was appointed "to present estimates and plans, which committee should also have the general control of the enterprise and work of rebuilding until done, the members of it receiving one dollar per day for their time and services, and their expenses paid when traveling on the business of the congregation." Said committee consisted of Messrs. J. A. Staats, John I. Trap-hagen, and Peter G. Merselis. Peter G. Merselis was made treasurer of the new church fund. This committee, on Apr. 19, 1852, reported a plan for the new church, "38 x 54 feet, with walls 17 feet above the water table." The approximate estimate of the committee for a brick church was \$2,924, and for a frame church \$2,400. After some consultation, it was resolved 8 to 2 "that this meeting is in favor of a stone building faced with brick on the sides and front." It was further *resolved* "that the walls be laid up by days' work." Also "that the carpenters' work, of floor, roof, and ~~top~~ be by days' work." While in regard to "interior furnishing," the committee was authorized "to make such contracts as might appear most advantageous." The building committee was then likewise authorized to employ Peter C. Post as superintendent of the work at an expense of \$20. The work on the church was to begin May 25. No one at the meeting opposed the building of this new church. The building committee was further authorized to sell to the highest bidder whatever materials of the old church were thought to be unfit or unnecessary for the new edifice. The committee chosen to audit the new church bills and accounts consisted of John Stagg, Esqr., and David Tomkins.

Apr. 25, 1852, at a regular meeting of the Consistory, after Preparatory Service, the following resolutions having been proposed, were considered and carried, to wit:

*Resolved*, That this Consistory hereby recognize and appoint the building committee chosen by the congregation, at their meeting on the 5th inst., as their agents, authorizing them to do all acts and make all contracts directed by the congregation.

*Resolved*, That the persons residing within the bounds of the congregation, who have made subscriptions payable to the Trustees in behalf of a new church edifice, be requested to pay to Peter G. Merselis, treasurer of the New Church Fund, twenty-five per cent. of their subscriptions on the 15th to the 25th of May next."

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, "That Peter G. Merselis and Martin H. Berry be requested to furnish their barns for divine service during the time the church is in building,—to be occupied alternate Sabbath mornings."

And it was further

*Resolved*, "That the regular exercises of the Sabbath School be discontinued during the season; and in lieu thereof the children and youth be catechised at the afternoon service."

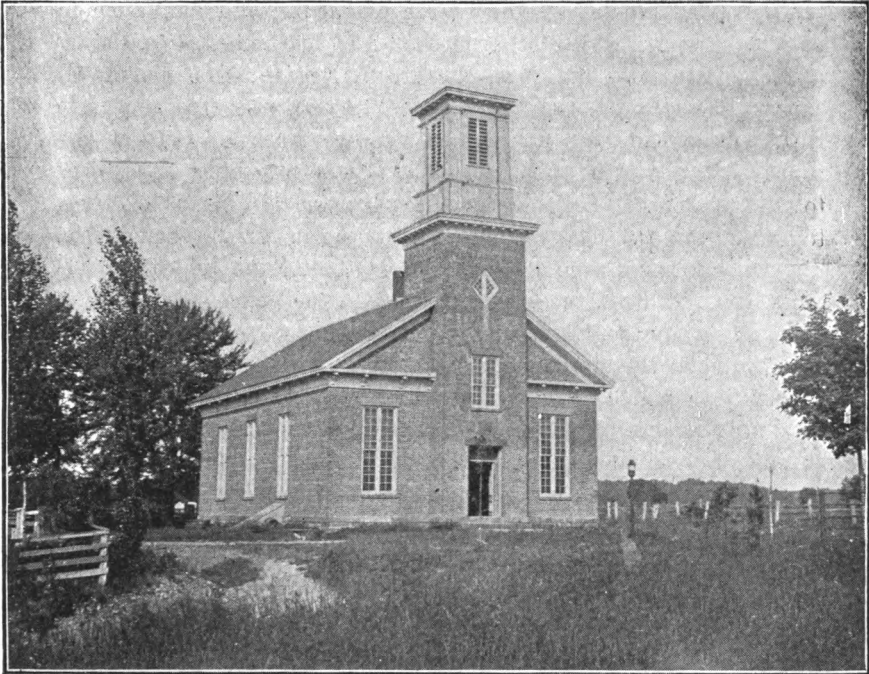
Also that the morning service commence at ten o'clock. The season, however, was so long, and it was so late before the church was ready for occupancy, that the two schoolhouses were used in the fall and early winter, instead of the two barns, for the regular services.

The salary of the minister at this time (Nov. 10, 1852), was raised from \$250 to \$300, together with the free use of the parsonage lot and farm, (so called), and 33 loads of wood, the wood item especially having been in the agreement for years. This increase of salary is particularly noticeable, in that it came when the congregation was undergoing heavy expense in rebuilding their church, and so soon, too, after having finished and paid off the debt on their parsonage. Previous to June, 1850, Mr. Staats's salary had been \$275; but because of arrears, an agreement was entered into to make it "\$240 in cash, a release from obligation to pay interest on parsonage debt, 33 loads of wood, the use of a barrack, to be built by the congregation, together with the privileges in the parsonage property, which he at the time enjoyed."

The new church was dedicated to the service of the Triune God on Thursday, Dec. 30, 1852. Rev. Thos. De Witt, of New York, preached the sermon from Zech. 6: 12, 13, and Eph. 2: 20, 22; and the Rev. John Gaston preached in the evening. Including these two, and Mr. Staats, there were nine ministers present who

took part in the exercises. The other six were Revs. G. C. Schanck, A. G. Ryerson, J. H. Duryea, Joseph Wilson, J. C. Cruikshank, and Garrison, or Garretson, probably John, then Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions. One remark that Dr. De Witt made on the occasion, as Dr. Cruikshank once told us, was that "the parsonage had been built for the convenience of the pastor, and now the church was completed for the accommodation of the congregation."

This new church, the one we are still worshipping in, was con-



PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH, 1852.

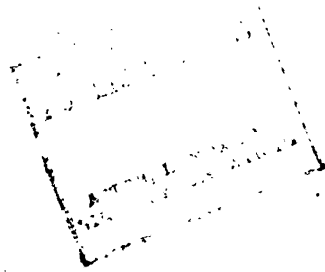
structed with only an end gallery and vestibule, and has 60 pews on the floor. It is a commodious, neat, and substantial structure, which should stand anyhow as much longer as it has already stood. The pews, together with an exceedingly handsome solid mahogany pulpit, with which the church, after completion, was furnished, were, for a little over \$100, bought of the Park Presbyterian Church, of Newark, then located in West Park street, but now of

Belleville avenue, and of which the late Dr. French was so long pastor. This pulpit, when the alcove back of the platform was built during the pastorate of Domine Wyckoff, being considered much antiquated in style, was removed to give place to the present one. Albert Bensen, Sr., bought it, and it has since been broken up. Mrs. H. K. Berry has the old pulpit sofa, which was taken out of the church at the same time, paying 50 cents for it. Domine Staats, it is said, never felt like coming into the new church, after the original pulpit had been removed, and he never came. The church also at first was lighted for evening gatherings by candle brackets, or candelabra, which were of bronze, and handsome in pattern or style, having been purchased by a committee consisting of Miss Dorcas Berdan, Mrs. Richard J. Berdan, Mrs. Martin H. Berry (Rachel Kip), and Miss Carrie Tomkins, who went and made their purchase in New York. One of these brackets is in the parsonage hall above the stairway. The others have been disposed of to relic hunters. They were made to give place, in Mr. Cole's time, to bracket lamps. The chandelier was hung in Mr. Wyckoff's time.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1853, two days after the dedication services had been held, the Consistory met in the new church, and, in order to satisfy the subscriptions (the amount of said subscriptions being applied thereto so far as possible), as well as to raise more money with which to meet liabilities, incurred in building,—the total already being \$2,975,—and others to be incurred in the future, it was resolved to appraise and sell, if possible, 45 pews, to the amount of \$3,000. At the appraisal, however, 53 pews were valued at an aggregate of \$3,200. The Elders', Deacons', and pastor's pews were reserved, and four free pews in the back of the church. The last seat in the gallery was appropriated to the colored people, of whom there seems to have been at that time quite a number in the congregation. The highest value put on any pew was \$90, and the lowest, \$20. Those back of the Elders and Deacons, which are so severely let alone in these days, were all appraised at \$70 each.

These appraisements, of course, did not coincide with the prices the pews afterwards brought. Some sold for more than they were appraised at, and others for less. The highest price any pew brought was \$95, two of which sold for that, and the lowest, \$11, one of the pews set apart as free. While the net result in the end was not very far short of the appraised total.

The first public sale of pews occurred on Monday, Jan. 3, 1853,





11.00

the day after the first regular religious services had been held in the building. The Consistory met on that day at 11 o'clock, and was opened with prayer, all the members being present, when the following conditions of sale were agreed upon:

1. "The several pews shall be set up at the price appraised and marked on them, and the highest bidder shall be the purchaser."

2. "If any person refuse to comply with the conditions of sale, the pew struck off to him shall be sold again, and whatever loss occurs from the second sale, the first purchaser shall bear, and shall have no benefit from an increased price."

3. "If doubts arise concerning the purchaser, the pew shall be sold anew."

4. "The pew owners shall meet at such time as the Consistory may determine,—ten days' notice having been given from the pulpit,—and a majority thus assembled shall determine what annual assessment the pews shall be subjected to for the support of the church, and also the penalties, in case such assessment is not paid."  
(Withdrawn.)

5. "As in many instances, advances have been made to secure the building of the church, and these advances standing to the credit of the persons having made them, the prices at which the pews are sold, shall be paid in cash on or before the day the deeds are given, or notes for thirty days, with approved security, bearing interest, shall be given."

6. "John G. R. Van Winkle is hereby appointed to take charge of the sale."

That same afternoon 42 pews were sold for the sum of \$2,531. One of these was afterwards given up, and sold again. At various later dates, one, two, or three others were disposed of, at a time, until on Oct. 25, 1854, the last of 54 in all was taken, with the pleasing result, if all the conditions were complied with, of \$3,071.59 being received,—only \$128.31 short of the appraisement, and \$71.59 more than the original estimate of the total valuation before the appraisement.

We herewith furnish a diagram of these pews with the names of the original purchasers. True, there have been many changes since; nevertheless, some of the pews yet remain in the possession of the families of those who first bought them.

One thing in this connection, we should not pass over. During the progress of the public sale Jan. 3, 1853, upon representation made that the 4th article in conditions of sale was disapproved by

persons present, and would interfere with the sale of pews, Consistory *resolved* that the said article should be withdrawn; which, having been done, probably greatly helped matters, as so many would not have been sold, or so soon, had this not been done.

The sextons of the old church that we know anything about, who added to their duties that of Chorister, were, as we have seen, Major Isaac Van Saun, who held these positions for many years, and perhaps until he died, in 1833; and after him, John Stagg, Jr., and David Demarest, Jr. Whether any one regularly served in the interim, between Van Saun and Stagg, we cannot tell. Stagg came to Preakness, probably in 1837. When he entered upon the duties of Sexton and Chorister, we are not sure; but his term closed at any rate, or his first period of service closed, in the spring of 1847, when he was succeeded by David Demarest, Jr. In the spring of 1850, Demarest proposed to the Consistory, in connection with his other positions, for an annual salary of \$20, for all three departments of work, to teach singing to the youth of the congregation, a part of every year. The Consistory resolved to refer the matter to the congregation; but we have no record that the congregation ever considered it, or considered it favorably. How long Demarest's term as Sexton and Chorister lasted, we are not sure,—possibly this was the end of it;—since, before the old church was torn down, a number of people appear to have had it in charge, most likely by turns, or as there were volunteers,—no one it may be being found who would take the position permanently.

The first sexton of the new church was John Stagg, for one year; and he also added to the sextonship the duties of Chorister. After his term expired, these two offices were separated, and it took quite a little time before another Sexton was secured, as there was considerable difficulty, both in choosing one, and in finding a person who would serve. Finally, however, on the last day of March, 1853, David Tomkins was elected Sexton and undertaker for one year, to Apr. 1, 1854, and accepted. The undertaker's duties applied to the care of the graveyard, and his work at burials, including ordinarily the transportation of the corpse from the house to the place of interment. The Sexton of the church here had been performing these functions it seems for years; but the present is the first reference to them that we find in the *Consistorial Minutes*. Mr. Tomkins served in the capacities of Sexton and undertaker until the spring of 1856, when Peter C. Post was elected to both positions for one year. The salary of the Sexton for years had been,

and until the spring of 1857, was \$20, when for the extra duties of cutting and piling up the wood used, it was raised to \$30. Mr. Post was Sexton the rest of his life. He was succeeded by his sons, first John S., and then Richard, the latter of whom served for many years, until he left Preakness in 1893, when Hezekiah Braddock took his place. But he also soon left Preakness, and was succeeded by his brother, John W., who served until the beginning of 1897, when Henry Herfort was appointed. The Sexton's salary, from time to time, has been raised until now it is \$75.

In May, 1853, a second service in the church, in the afternoon, was desired by some, but after the report of a canvass of the congregation by the Deacons, it was *resolved* in Consistory not to have it. On Sept. 16, of that same year, it was decided, in answer to an application from a number of people living at Mead's Basin, now Mountain View, to hold an afternoon service there, the first or third Sundays of each month, said service being in the district schoolhouse. This service was kept up for many years, until during Mr. Wyckoff's pastorate, the Fairfield, Little Falls, and Pompton Plains ministers also each having their turn.

A Bible Association likewise was formed in the congregation in November of this year, of such persons as should pay annually, on the first Sabbath in January, the sum of 50 cents or upwards, to the treasurer of the Association, said money, with the alms of that day, to be handed over to the Passaic County Bible Society, or the American Bible Society, as shall be thought most desirable. This Association existed for several years, and did a good work. The amount raised the first year was \$30.50, the even dollars of which amount were paid in to the American Bible Society to constitute the first Life Member made by the Association; but we do not know who this was, unless it was Mr. Staats himself.

When the agitation prevailed throughout the Church in regard to retaining or dropping the word "Dutch" in our corporate name as a religious denomination, this congregation voted to retain that word.

In the fall of 1854, the second service seems to have become a fixture for every Sabbath afternoon, at any rate for the time being, as follows:

First Sabbath in each month, Mead's Basin.

Second Sabbath in each month, Upper Preakness, in N. W. or N. E. quarter of congregation.

Third Sabbath in each month, Lower Preakness schoolhouse.

Fourth Sabbath in each month, in the church.

Fifth Sabbath, at such place as the Consistory may order.

In the spring of 1855, it was found that the Preakness Bible Association, of which Mr. Staats was treasurer for years, had received during the previous year, the sum of \$29, and Consistory, by the payment of \$30, made Jeremiah Ryerson, the oldest member of the Church at the time, and until 1854, for many years a member of Consistory, a Life Member of the American Bible Society. Others made life members from year to year were Mrs. Staats, Sidney Phoenix, William Sickles, John M. Demarest, Nicholas Jones.

The statistical report of the Church for this year (1855), shows 90 families, as compared with 70 in 1850; 61 members, as compared with 42, at the former date; and 450 persons, instead of 350,—an increase of 100,—in the congregation. There is also an increased enrollment in the Sunday School, over 1850, but not over 1845; while the Bible Class had been reduced more than one-half.

Nov. 20, 1856, a committee was appointed to ascertain the cost of a hearse, but if any further action was ever afterwards taken in regard to the matter, no record was made of it. The floor in the attic over the church ceiling was laid in the winter of 1856-7.

June 1, 1857, at a meeting of the congregation, on motion of John I. Van Winkle, it was *resolved* that this congregation invite Peter C. Post to lay off burying plots, and offer them to the public. Mr. Post, being present, acceded to the proposal; and this was the beginning of the new cemetery south of the church, which has always been private property.

Oct. 1, 1858, prayer meetings were held, probably for the winter, at private houses, according to invitation; though this of course was not for the first time. Sept. 9, of this year, a remarkable circumstance occurred in the reception of Henry Cuckaroo into the membership of the Church at the age of 85.

In the spring of 1859, \$83 was raised by this congregation through personal solicitation among the people for the Board of Education of our Church, a very large sum, we think. The statistical report for the spring of 1860 shows a falling off, since 1855, of 10, in the number of families, a gain of 5 in the membership, which had risen from 61 to 66, and a marked increase in Denominational gifts, most likely due to the special effort made in behalf

of the Board of Education the previous season, already referred to, and which had not been reported until now. In 1855, the gifts of the Church had been \$30. This year they were \$145.60.

On Aug. 29, 1861, a few months after the outbreak of our late civil war, permission was asked of the Consistory to float the national flag from the tower of the church, but consideration of the subject was deferred. A couple of weeks later the matter came up again, when there was a remonstrance, and no action was taken. The business subsequently came to a crisis, when a pole for a flag was raised in front of the church, and somebody cut it down in the night. Those were troublous times in Preakness, and many embitterments were engendered, which greatly affected the Church and the pastorate.

In the late fall of this year, Mr. Staats, having received an invitation to labor in the Church at Blooming Grove, near Albany, N. Y., presented the matter to his Consistory Nov. 6, which was then composed, besides himself, of but one Elder, William Sickles, and four Deacons, John Stagg, Edo Van Saun, Peter G. Merselis, and Uriah J. Van Riper; when the matter of resignation was left entirely to himself; upon which "it was *resolved* that the Rev. John Gaston be invited to attend a meeting of the Consistory, on the 14th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., and superintend the proceedings with a view to obtain a dissolution of the pastoral relation at the meeting of Classis to be held that day at Preakness." There is no record on the *Consistorial Minutes* of this meeting of the Consistory with Mr. Gaston; but in the *Minutes of Classis* it is stated that Mr. Gaston read the minutes of this meeting, "whereupon it was moved that the joint petition of pastor and Consistory be granted." The further record on the *Classical Minutes* is: "The Rev. John A. Staats, having made statements with reference to his view of duty in seeking this dissolution, and other remarks having been made by other members of Classis, it was unanimously '*Resolved*, That the joint petition be and hereby is granted.'" Just when the resignation took effect, we are not positive. If it took effect on the day Classis took action, Mr. Staats's pastorate lasted 18 years, and almost a month. But if the resignation took effect Dec. 1st, as it may possibly have done, it was a little longer. At this meeting of Classis, through Elder Sickles, Classical supplies were asked for the Church, and granted as follows:

First Sabbath in December, Rev. P. S. Talmage.

Third Sabbath in December, Rev. N. Conklin.

First Sabbath in January, Rev. Jas. E. Bernart.

Third Sabbath in January, Rev. J. F. Harris.

First Sabbath in February, Rev. Joseph Wilson.

Third Sabbath in February, Rev. John Gaston.

First Sabbath in March, Rev. J. C. Cruikshank.

Third Sabbath in March, Rev. A. G. Ryerson.

First Sabbath in April, Rev. B. V. Collins.

Brother Staats had been Stated Clerk of the Classis of Passaic, since Jan. 3, 1845, or almost seventeen years, a longer period than any other minister has yet had this position. He resigned his office Nov. 14, 1861, at the same time that his relations with the Preakness Church were dissolved, and the Classis ordered that at his request a letter of dismissal to the Classis of Rensselaer, within whose bounds he expected to labor, be given him. Thus closed the labors here of one greatly respected and honored in this Church and Classis. He is still remembered both in and out of the congregation in all this vicinity. In Paterson, we often yet hear people speak of him; though the number of those who knew him is now every year lessening. There are, at this time, not many left, even in Preakness, who remember him as he was when here. His memory naturally is revered; for he did more for this Church than any other man has done. All the rest of the pastors of Preakness Church, since Mr. Staats's resignation, are still living (1902).

We note in "The History of Bergen and Passaic Counties," p. 557, that Mr. Staats was Superintendent of Schools in the Township of Wayne, from 1848 to 1851, a position, which, no doubt, as long as he held it, he honored.

Judge Aaron G. Garrison, of Oakland, N. J., June 18, 1901, told us a little anecdote of the domine which we here insert. It was while Jenny Lind was stirring the American public with her beautiful singing. Several ministers, and among them the Rev. J. A. Staats, of Preakness, were at the Pompton Plains parsonage, the guests of the Rev. G. C. Schanck. One of those present had heard the celebrated singer, and recommended that all he spoke to hear her, if they could; at the same time, expatiating on the ecstasies he experienced when listening to her. Mr. Staats, who was naturally a little witty, and withal somewhat sly with his wit, said that he in his day had heard sweeter music than he believed even Jenny Lind could produce with her singing. "Oh, that couldn't be," every one chorused, and he was at once pressed to explain; when he declared that the favorable answer he received as he

“popped the question” to her who later on became his wife, was more delicious to him than anything else of a musical nature could be.

During Domine Staats’s pastorate in Preakness, there were at least two boys here in attendance upon his ministry, and who were members of the Preakness Sunday School, who afterwards themselves became ministers of the Gospel, one in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the other in the Baptist Church. These boys, who, while they were here, were cotemporary, both date their earliest religious impressions from their childhood days. One of them is now the Rev. E. Livingston Allen, D. D., recently of Cape May Court House, N. J., but at present of Tannersville, N. Y., and the other the Rev. David E. Post, of Gilbertsville, Otsego County, N. Y.

The Rev. E. Livingston Allen, D. D., has been pastor of several stations in the New Jersey Conference, as well as in the State of New York. “He is a representative of two prominent families of New Jersey, the Allens and the Livingstons. He was born in Paterson, N. J., July 16, 1846, his father, Henry R. Allen, being a native of Blauveltville, N. Y., and a son of Robert Allen, whose birth occurred in England, and who came to the United States about the year 1800. The paternal great grandfather was a member of the House of Commons in the mother country. Robert Allen manifested his loyalty to his adopted land by serving in the Navy in the war of 1812. He afterwards married Polly Sears, a daughter of the owner of the farm, upon which Andre, the English spy of the Revolution, was hung, this property being located at Tappan, N. Y.,” and being likewise owned, at one time, (1821), as we have already seen, by the Rev. John Demarest, who, early in the last century, was one of those who frequently, while settled at Ponds, preached in the Preakness pulpit. “Henry R. Allen married Eleanor Livingworth, a daughter of Artemas Livingworth, who was of Huguenot descent, and a representative of one of the wealthiest families in Passaic County. Four children were born of this union: Edward L.; Amanda, wife of John G. Belding, of Paterson, N. J.; Etta, wife of Hon. John I. Holt, of Paterson, who was the Speaker of the New Jersey Legislature, in 1894; and Irving, who died Oct. 31, 1876. The father of these children was called to his final rest on Christmas Day, of 1883, and the mother passed away July 1, 1897, at the advanced age of eighty-six years.” “In 1852 or 1853, Henry R. Allen, retiring from active pursuits,



exchanged his Paterson city home for the property in Preakness known as the old Merselis farm," back of what is now Barbour's Mill, and running up into the mountain, "removing his family there, and remaining until July, 1862, when he again took up his residence in Paterson."

While residents of Preakness, though not removing their membership to the Reformed Church here, (they were members of the Paterson M. E. Church), the family regularly attended said church, and were identified with all the interests of the church and place, Mr. Allen serving as school trustee, and being recognized as a "progressive, good citizen." It was during this period, that the son and eldest child, Edward L., or E. Livingston, attended the Preakness Sunday School, having Mrs. Staats herself as his Sunday School teacher. Also during this time, or a part of it, he attended the public elementary and high schools of Paterson, and afterwards took the Rutgers College course, and finished his studies in Drew Theological Seminary. But when sixteen years of age, a month or so after the family returned to Paterson to live, and before he had completed his educational course, the civil war was inaugurated, and feeling that his duty was at the front, he put aside his textbooks, and offered his services to his country, enlisting in the Thirteenth New Jersey Infantry. He was in many battles, and was three times wounded by rebel bullets. At the close of the war, Mr. Allen returned to New York City, and completed his preparation for the ministry, since which time he has preached the Gospel in different churches in New York and Colorado, as well as in New Jersey. He has besides had many honors conferred upon him, among them the degrees of A. M., by Taylor University, and of D. D., by Franklin College. Dr. Allen was married, Aug. 11, 1866, to Maggie E. Post, a daughter of Richard Post, of Westwood, N. J., which union has resulted in the birth of four children. ("Historical Record of New Jersey." Part I. First Congressional District.)

The other of these boys attending on Domine Staats's ministry in Preakness, who afterwards himself became a minister, was known as "Vander" (for Evander) Post. Born in 1852, on New Year's Day, in New York City, David Evander Post, later, when but four years of age, in 1856, came with his parents to Preakness to live, his father being a descendant of the Post family here. His people were in Preakness, however, only about four years; but during that time, the boy went to both Church and Sunday School, his Sunday

School teacher being Miss Dorcas Berdan. It is often the case in these days that parents think their children, at such an age, are too young to sit through two successive services; but in this instance, as well as in the other just mentioned, the beneficent results were certainly most effective. For, as Dr. Allen has written, so Mr. Post writes, that at that early period in his life, he had such distinct religious impressions from Domine Staats's preaching and Miss Dorcas Berdan's teaching, that he can still clearly recall them as leading to his conversion at the age of 14, and shaping the whole future of his life as a minister of the Gospel. Returning to New York City where his parents went in 1860, being then only a little over eight years old, young Post attended, and afterwards, as we have seen, at the age of 14, united with the South Baptist Church there; and, hearing God's call to the ministry, soon entered Colgate University, from which institution in due course he was graduated; subsequently entering Madison University, at Hamilton, N. Y., where he was also graduated with honor, besides receiving the degrees of A. B., and finally of A. M., and an election into the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He has now spent about 25 years in the ministry, in various fields, and is at present, (1901), serving in the Baptist Church at Gilbertsville, Otsego County, N. Y. His father's name was James M. Post, and his paternal grandparents were Cornelius I. Post and Hannah Cocoron Post, both of whom are buried in the burying ground south of the church.

## CHAPTER X.

## THE PASTORATE OF REV. C. B. DURAND.

After hearing candidates, during an interim of about four months from the time when Mr. Staats's labors closed at Preakness it was resolved at a meeting of the Consistory, March 31st, 1862, Rev. J. F. Harris being in the chair, to call Mr. C. B. Durand, a recent graduate of Rutgers College, (1858), and of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, (1861), and a licentiate of the Classis of Bergen, to become the pastor of this Church. A call



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was at once made out for Mr. Durand, signed and attested by the moderator of Consistory, and presented to Classis the next day, at Pompton, for approval. The call was read in Classis April 1st, duly approved, and ordered to be placed in the hands of Mr. Durand; when it was decided to meet again, in adjourned session, in this church, on May 27, for the examination of a candidate for licensure, (John R. Brock), and also for the examination of Mr. Durand for ordination, in case he should accept the call tendered him. As Classis met on that day, Mr. Durand was present

for examination, and to signify his acceptance of the call; and arrangements were made for his ordination to the ministry, and his installation as pastor over the Preakness Church. On Sunday afternoon, June 22nd at 2:30 o'clock, Classis met, and Rev. J. F. Harris of Pompton Plains preached the sermon from Col. 1: 28. The president of Classis, Rev. A. G. Ryerson, of Wyckoff, presided, read the form, and propounded the Constitutional Questions; Rev. Joseph Wilson, of Fairfield, offered prayer; Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, of Little Falls, delivered the charge to the pastor; and Rev. N. Conklin, of Montville, the charge to the people. The newly ordained and installed minister pronounced the benediction, and Classis adjourned.

In the early spring of that year, this Church being without a minister, no statistical report was made to Classis; but the report of the year before, the last of Mr. Staats's pastorate, was 80 families, 63 in communion, 120 enrollment in the Sunday School, and \$170.85 raised for benevolence. The opening for the new pastor therefore was most propitious. It is on all hands acknowledged that everybody was pleased with the outlook, and the congregation was certainly in a prosperous condition. The Church machinery moved smoothly and harmoniously. There were no jars among the people, and the best of feeling everywhere prevailed. The congregation also must have grown, for in the spring of 1863, when the statistical report was made out, 100 families were reported; and this was the number reported every year during Mr. Durand's incumbency.

A move was made that same spring to pay off a Consistorial note, given years before to John G. Banta, but which had changed hands to Jeremiah Ryerson, for borrowed money, with which to complete payment for the meadow lot on Singac Brook, bought in 1849, and upon which note, Mr. Staats, for several years, or until he was released from the obligation, had paid the interest. As soon as this note was paid, Apr. 23, to show the prosperous condition of the congregation, it was then at once resolved to make certain needed repairs on both the church and parsonage, and, in order to raise the money for the work, Garret Berdan was appointed a committee to circulate a subscription paper. That Mr. Berdan was successful in the endeavor goes without saying, for the repairs, so far as undertaken, were completed in the fall. The next fall again still further repairs were made, likewise on both the church and parsonage; while along with this work the salary

of the pastor was increased from \$400 to \$550. Further repairs were made on the parsonage early in 1865, for which Jacob R. Berdan secured the money, or most of it. Late in that year, what debt there was, about \$100, due to gradual accumulation, was wiped out. And so it was all through Mr. Durand's pastorate. He was here until the spring of 1868, about six years in all. The membership of the Church had been brought up to 70, the largest figures to that date. By reason of changes, the Sunday School had fallen off somewhat, as well as the Bible Class, and also gifts to benevolence; although there was a gradual and steady advancement from year to year otherwise, and in the amount of money raised for congregational purposes.

Domine Durand's leaving Preakness was not altogether of his own volition. A new Reformed Church had just been organized at Boonton, and some of the ministers of the Classis thought he ought to take charge of it, and prevailed upon him to make the change, much to the regret of the Preakness people, and his own regret also, subsequently expressed. Consistorial action toward a dissolution of the pastoral relation was taken Apr. 6, 1868, and Classical action the next day at its stated session in this church. The Rev. J. C. Cruikshank gave up his charge, at Little Falls, at the same meeting of Classis.

Mr. Durand was born in New York City, in 1835. His father removed with his family from New York to Camptown, now Irvington, N. J., in 1836. The future clergyman was therefore but a small boy, when Domine Staats preached in Clintonville, or Camptown, in 1841. Nevertheless he well remembers the domine, although he has but a dim recollection as to how he then looked.

Mr. Durand, after leaving Preakness, remained in Boonton only about three years, when in the spring of 1871, he became pastor of the Second Reformed Church, in Hackensack, remaining there until 1882, when he entered the Episcopal Church. The next year, 1883, he was Assistant Rector of Saint Mark's, at Orange. From 1883 to 1888, he was Assistant Rector of Calvary Church, New York City. And from 1888, he has been Rector of Saint James's, Newark, N. J.

The brother has recently written us that during his stay in Preakness, so far as he knows, "no one here ever said a word, or did a thing that caused him a moment of disturbance or unhappiness, or inclined him to be dissatisfied with his work or place." He says: "I left Preakness, not because I was discontented, or

desired to better myself, but because Domine Conklin, of Montville, and other members of the Classis of Passaic, were determined that I should take charge of the new Church at Boonton. They kept at me, until I agreed to go. Had I consulted my own desire or pleasure in the matter, I would have been well satisfied to remain in Preakness all my life. Since I left there, I have had more pretentious Churches and larger salaries; but I have never had more happiness and better treatment. Could I live my life over again, and be once more favored as a young man to occupy the old parsonage and the old church, not all the ox teams in Passaic County, with all the members of Passaic Classis driving them, could pull me out."

In this connection, we have a few items of interest to add:

A weeping willow tree, in front of the parsonage kitchen, cut down in 1887 or 1888, because its roots were supposed to pollute the water in the well, was planted by Mr. Durand from a slip taken from a tree on his father's place in Irvington, which had grown from a slip that Capt. McKewin brought there from Napoleon's grave on the Island of St. Helena. Capt. McKewin was captain of a merchant vessel, and lived in Irvington. This tree at Preakness, while at its best, was a prominent feature on the parsonage lot, and added considerably to the beauty of the surroundings of the manse.

The parsonage here was twice entered and robbed during Mr. Durand's pastorate. The first time the loss was about \$50. This robbery occurred at night, while the family was asleep. In less than a week afterwards, the congregation made up a purse of \$50, and presented it to the pastor. The second robbery occurred on a Sunday morning, while the domine and his wife were at church. The loss amounted on this occasion to several hundred dollars, in money, jewelry, silver, etc. But, in a day or two, the thief was caught, and about everything recovered. It was through the vigilance of the people that suspicion was aroused, which led to the apprehension of the culprit.

Two other occurrences during Mr. Durand's pastorate in Preakness, have ever since left a deep impression upon his mind.

The first of these was before he was married, and while he was boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Kip, living then just south of the parsonage, on what is now the Albert Bensen place, (1902). Mrs. Kip was a sister of Uriah J. Van Riper. There was at that time an epidemic of measles in Passaic County, and

there were 50 or 60 cases in Preakness alone. Mr. Durand was among the first taken in this neighborhood; but the doctor he had from Paterson diagnosed his case at the beginning as one of small pox. He himself strenuously insisted on being at once removed to a pest house or hospital. But Mr. and Mrs. Kip "would not allow him to be taken from the house, deciding to incur all the trouble and risk of contagion, sooner than turn him out of doors." Of course, it was not so bad as feared; but their heroism and unselfishness, when shown, were none the less in the domine's eyes on that account. The authorities did not have such strict regulations in those days, especially in the country districts, as prevail at present, and when a man may not be absolute master even in his own house.

The other occurrence was an accident to his little daughter, then between two and three years old. The child while alone only for a moment in the kitchen pulled over a small tin pail of boiling water just taken off the stove, and emptied the scalding contents down the neck of her dress. The day being cold, the child was bundled up in a heavy shawl, which, as it was saturated, retained the heat, and made the burns all the more terrible. The scars of this accident are still borne. Mr. Durand says he can never forget the sympathy and attention then given him and Mrs. Durand by the Preakness people, both men and women.

The old Mason and Hamlin organ, for many years, until 1899, used in the Church Sunday School, was the first organ the Church ever had for the use of its choir, and was bought by Mr. Durand, he himself going to New York and purchasing it for the congregation. The organ stood in the church gallery, until it was replaced by an Estey; when it was removed down into the body of the church for use in the Sunday School. It has, however, since been disposed of in connection with the purchase of the one we have at present, purchased in 1900, for Sunday School use.

## CHAPTER XI.

## THE PASTORATE OF THE REV. S. T. COLE.

Preakness was without a minister again, after Mr. Durand left in the spring of 1868, until late in the fall. Nov. 24, the same year, Classis met in extra session in this church, to act on a call made by the Consistory upon Rev. Solomon T. Cole, of Platte Kill, N. Y., and arrangements were made for his installation Dec. 22. Although we can find no record on the Minutes of Classis of the proceedings on the day designated, we suppose the installation oc-



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curred according to programme, viz: Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, President of Classis, presided, read the Form, and proposed the Constitutional Questions; Rev. J. V. N. Schenk preached the sermon; Rev. N. Conklin charged the pastor; and Rev. Joseph Wilson, the people.

Brother Cole was graduated from the Seminary at New Brunswick, and licensed by the Classis of Ulster, in 1864. His first settlement was at Platte Kill, N. Y., 1864-8. His second at Preakness, 1868-72. His third at Schaghticoke, N. Y., 1872-9. Then he was at Westerlo, near Albany, N. Y., 1879-83. At Tyre, N. Y., 1883-5. At Platte Kill again, 1885-92. For a few years after this he was without a charge. But in 1896, he went to Esopus, (Ulster Park), among his own kindred, where he was born, baptized, and received into the membership of the Church,



under the ministry of the late Rev. James McFarlane. This Church, in which he grew up to manhood, he most acceptably served as stated supply for three years, 1896-9; when, on account of the failing health of his wife, he retired to his farm, at Katrine, near Platte Kill, where Mrs. Cole soon ended her days. The brother is still (1901) living on his farm, with his daughter, who keeps house for him.

Mr. Cole came to Preakness under rather favorable auspices. The Church was in excellent shape, both physically and spiritually. The membership was as large as it had ever been; and there was no debt to speak of. The Church property was all in good condition, except for want of paint. But both church and parsonage were painted in the fall of that year, at a cost of \$260.

As a further sign of improvement, early in 1869, regular collections for the Boards of the Church and the Church Building Fund were determined on, as follows:

Foreign Missions, Second Sabbath in March.

Domestic Missions, Second Sabbath in May.

Education, Second Sabbath in September.

Church Building Fund, Second Sabbath in November.

And the results of these collections were good,—more being raised for the various purposes named, after this, than formerly. Moreover, the salary of the sexton, Peter C. Post, was likewise at the same time raised from \$30 to \$50, to take effect May 1. During Mr. Cole's pastorate, the reported membership of the Church was reduced somewhat, due evidently to a revision of the roll; since the first report he made to Classis, notwithstanding goodly accessions, gave 20 less than had been reported the previous year; and he kept things all the time at pretty nearly the same level, although constant accessions in greater number than all the dismissals and deaths were made. His policy appears to have been to keep the list always revised, which is really the only proper way to make out reports of this kind. The number of families was reduced, as we believe, on the same principle. And so too with the Sunday School. The enrollment of this was not as great as it had been under Mr. Staats and Mr. Durand; but the work was no less flourishing. More money also was raised for both benevolent and home purposes within the same length of time under Mr. Cole than ever before, except for the last two or three years of Mr. Staats's pastorate. We hear, however, or can learn no more of the Bible Class, after Mr. Cole had been here a year or so.

Suppose we cull from the remarks of the Consistorial Reports to Classis about this time. 1869: "The Christian feeling and harmony now existing in the congregation is highly gratifying to every well wisher of the Church. The attendance upon the public means of grace, and the interest manifested, combine to excite within us grateful emotions and encourage us to press on in the discharge of our duties another year." 1870: "We present our report with gratitude to God for the Christian harmony and co-operation now existing in the Church and congregation. The attendance upon the public means of grace is encouraging. The prayer meetings have been regularly held from house to house and also well attended." 1871: "We close our ecclesiastical year under a spiritual dearth. Yet we present our annual report in humble gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the degree of church life we still have. We are not without hope, though greatly perplexed." 1872: "We are brought to the close of another ecclesiastical year with a good degree of church life and a firm determination to labor on in the Master's vineyard, until He shall call us hence. There has not been any special religious interest in our Church during the past year; still there has been a regular and full attendance upon the means of grace."

The pastoral relation of Mr. Cole with this Church ceased Oct. 6, 1872, with much sorrow on the part of his many friends. The brother was rather strict along temperance lines, too much so for some of his parishioners; but there were those among his officers and in the congregation who upheld him. Hence disagreement and disaffection. For a year or more a divided state among the people had been developing, which made it imperative, for the good of the Church, that a change in the pastorate take place. Sept. 27, 1872, Rev. A. Van de Water, of Ponds, was present by request, and moderated the meeting of Consistory called for the purpose of making application to Classis for a dissolution of the pastoral relation.

The following at that time were passed:

*"Resolved,* That it is with feelings of reluctance and sorrow for the circumstances that render it necessary. We would have been glad to have retained him as our pastor. We will remember with gratitude his faithful services, and our prayers shall follow him to his new field of labor."

*"Resolved,* That we make application to Classis for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between Rev. S. T. Cole and this Church, the same to take effect Oct. 6."

The Rev. S. T. Cole united with the Consistory in making this request.

We quote from the Minutes of Classis, which met in the First Reformed Church of Totowa, at Paterson, Oct. 1, 1872:

*"Settlement and Removal of Ministers."*

"The Rev. A. Van de water presented the following certificate and report, to wit:

"This certifies that the undersigned was present by request, at a meeting of the Consistory of the Church of Preakness, Sept. 27, 1872, and superintended the proceedings thereof; when it was resolved that an application be made to the Classis of Passaic for a dissolution of the Pastoral relation existing between Rev. S. T. Cole and said Church, the same to take effect on the 6th day of October next. The Rev. S. T. Cole declared his concurrence in said application.

Signed

A. VAN DEWATER.'

"The undersigned respectfully reports to the Classis of Passaic that there were present at that meeting two Elders and one Deacon, and advisory one Elder and one Deacon,—all of whom expressed their regard and esteem for their beloved Pastor, and their sorrow and regret for any necessity of his leaving; that they would have been glad to have had him remain with them; that they would hold his faithful services in grateful remembrance, and with their prayers follow him to his new field of labor, to which he felt it his duty to go; but under the circumstances gave their reluctant consent, hoping that the Lord would make it all for the best for him and for them; and that the Rev. S. T. Cole, in uniting with the Consistory in this application, expressed also his sorrow at parting, in reviewing the past, found many places where memory could dwell with pleasure—would hold the Church of Preakness in heartfelt and prayerful remembrance, and hoped that the Good Shepherd would send them another Pastor who would do much better for them than he had done; but felt it his duty to leave them, and go where the Lord in His Providence had called him; that the Consistory made a full settlement with the Pastor as to the temporal contract to the 1st of October next; and that the meeting was perfectly harmonious. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

A. VAN DE WATER.'"

"The above Certificate and Report were received, when it was moved that the pastoral relation between the Rev. S. T. Cole and the Church of Preakness be and is hereby dissolved to take effect on the 6th day of October next."

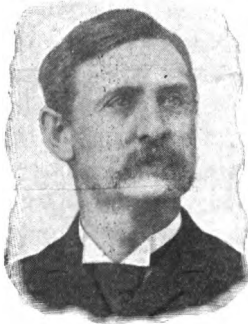
It was also *Resolved*, that in accordance with the request of Brother Cole, he be dismissed to the Classis of Saratoga within whose bounds he has accepted a call, and that the Stated Clerk give him the usual certificate."

## CHAPTER XII.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. A. A. ZABRISKIE.

The following year, March 20, 1873, Rev. J. N. Jansen moderating the meeting, it was resolved in Consistory to call Rev. A. A. Zabriskie, of Keyport, N. J., on a salary of \$800, the largest ever offered here. Mr. Zabriskie accepted the call, and was installed by committee of Classis, Sunday afternoon, July 6. On this occasion, Rev. S. T. Searle presided, read the form, and proposed the Constitutional Questions. The sermon, by special invitation of Classis, was preached by Rev. W. W. Newell, of New York City; Rev. J. H. Whitehead charged the pastor; and Rev. J. N. Jansen, the people.

Mr. Zabriskie was born at Bergen Point, N. J., Apr. 11,



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1843; was graduated at Rutgers College, in 1865; and at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, in 1868. He was licensed by the Classis of Bergen the same year. His first charge was at Farmer Village, N. Y., 1868-9. From there he went to Keyport, N. J., where he remained until he came to Preakness; and here his pastorate lasted until July 30, 1878, a little over five years, when he removed to Franklin Furnace. The brother has had other charges since, both in and out of the Reformed Church, East and West. He recently labored at the Highlands of the Navesink.

At present (1902) he is at Brown's Station, in the Classis of Ulster.

During the pastorate of Brother Zabriskie over this Church, there were proportionally large accessions to the membership,—41 in all,—37 of them on confession, and 4 by letter. As the result of extra meetings in Upper Preakness Schoolhouse, in the Spring of 1876,—meetings which were attractive and largely attended,—14 united on confession at the June communion, Rev. E. N. Sebring preaching the sermon at the preparatory service, and being present when the converts were examined. But there were other occasions besides this one, when several persons, from three to five, united with the Church, at different communion seasons.

The congregation, of course, in the meantime had grown some, or it may be that there was only a change again in the method of making out the report to Classis. In the spring that Mr. Zabriskie came to Preakness, no report was sent in to Classis. But in 1874, the number of families had jumped from 46, in 1872, to 65, and the membership from 52 to 61, notwithstanding there had been 6 deaths. The highest number of families reported during the five years or so Mr. Zabriskie was here was 79,—more nearly to what it had been under Mr. Staats at his best, and Mr. Durand. However, a return was made the year he left to the method pursued by Mr. Cole, that is, of counting only those who took a more or less active part in Church support, or were more or less regular in their attendance upon the Church services, which brought the figures back again to 50; while the membership that year had risen to 93. Feb. 16, 1874, a Ladies' Sewing and Mite Society was formed which continued in existence for some time as an aid to Church support. In the fall of that year, the ladies of the congregation, through this Society, made considerable improvement in the church edifice, in the way of painting and otherwise, all of which improvements they paid for. The bracket lamps that we have *now* were put in at that time, and also coal stoves.

On Dec. 13, of this year, (1874), occurred, in Upper Preakness, one of the saddest accidents ever known in Passaic county,—“five children out of one family finding a watery grave within sight of their home, and under the very eyes of their horror stricken parents.” The family was that of John Dotterweich, then living on what was known at that time as the Allen place, about a half a mile up in the mountain by a private road leading to the right

from the old Paterson and Hamburg Turnpike, and West of what is called the Green Brook Farm. Mr. Dotterweich's family consisted of himself, wife, and nine children. About two hundred yards from the house is an old brickyard pond, covering an acre and a half, which, when full of water, as it usually is in winter, is quite deep. There had been a cold snap, and ice had formed on the pond; but it was not strong enough to bear a very heavy weight, particularly as a thaw had set in. The accident was on a Sunday. The oldest daughter of the family, Caroline, aged 16, had that morning come home from Paterson, where she was employed, and after dinner started out with five of the other children to have a slide on the ice. The names of the children who went with her were Augusta, aged 14 years and 8 months; Maggie, 13 years; John, 11; Philip, 9 years and 10 months; and Barbara, 6 years and 5 months. John did not go on the ice, or beyond the edge of the pond, and was saved, he giving the alarm. The rest moved out towards the middle of the pond. Philip was riding on a sled, which Augusta pushed, while the other three immediately brought up the rear. The weight of this number of persons, so close together, caused the ice at last to break, and all consequently were very unexpectedly precipitated into the water, much beyond their depth; which made them helpless. John ran for his parents; but the strugglers being fifty feet or more out from the shore, the water deep, and the ice breaking every step that Mr. and Mrs. Dotterweich took as they waded up to their necks toward their children, with no proper means at hand but a rope which was too short, rescue was futile. Among those who came early upon the scene, was Peter C. Post, the Sexton of the church, who, getting into a boat which Henry Sauers procured from what is now Barbour's Pond, below the mountain, in an hour or so after the accident, by raking the pond, with the help of Henry T. Loundes and Charles H. Tintle, took the bodies from the water. It was a heartrending spectacle to see the five lifeless forms, later in the day, as they lay side by side on the floor of an upper room in the house just as they were brought in.

The funeral was in this church, on Wednesday, the 16th, and was the occasion of the largest gathering ever seen in Preakness,—from 800 to 1,000 people, it is said, being in and around the building; while, by actual count, 188 conveyances, of various kinds, which had brought the crowd, were here collected together.

The Rev. Mr. Wahrenberger, of the Elm Street German

Presbyterian Church of Paterson, which Church the family sometimes attended, conducted a preliminary service at the house in German. After this, the five coffins having been placed in two wagons, the family occupying three coaches, the long and solemn procession moved toward God's house. At the corner of the road opposite the Upper Preakness district schoolhouse, the moving cortege was joined by the Sunday School, of which the deceased children were pupils. Twenty of the older boys, appointed to act as bearers, formed on either side of the wagons containing the remains, the rest of the school following the coaches in which the family rode. This throughout was an exceedingly touching and most interesting incident among the experiences of the day.

Arriving at the church, the bodies were taken by the bearers with each coffin, the youngest first, and the others in order according to their ages, and, preceded by the clergy of different denominations present, the unusually sad procession marched up the aisle, while the bodies were placed in two rows in front of the pulpit, the bearers taking their places on one side, the relatives on the other, and the Sunday School behind the latter. The church was densely packed, the aisles were crowded, and hundreds thronged about the doorway, unable to gain admission.

The music for the service was rendered by the Broadway Paterson Reformed Church choir, under the leadership of I. F. Boice. Rev. C. S. Coit, of Grace M. E. Church, Paterson, offered the invocation. Rev. J. N. Jansen, of Pompton, read the Scripture selections. Prayer followed by Rev. John Steele, D.D., of the First Reformed Church of Totowa, at Paterson. The pastor of the Church, Rev. A. A. Zabriskie, preached an eloquent and deeply impressive sermon from 2 Cor. 1: 3, after which came a prayer by Rev. E. N. Sebring, of Fairfield. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. A. King, of Campgaw. The bodies were laid away in a single large grave in the new cemetery south of the church. People yet talk of that day as one of the most memorable in their experience.

Some of the Dotterweich family still remain in Preakness. August and his family, with whom his mother makes her home, are yet here. Also Annie, who married Ernest Hausaman. The Hausamans live on what was the William D. Doremus place. In 1875, the Lower Preakness Sunday School was organized, which, with the exception of four years (1892-5 inclusive) during the present pastorate, has been in operation ever since, and, if we

mistake not, for the whole time, or about the whole time, both winter and summer. This Sunday School was organized as the result of a meeting of some of the people in the neighborhood called by Mrs. Jacob Stagg. Isaac W. Blain was the first Superintendent, and Peter J. Doremus, the first Secretary and Treasurer, both of them for many years. Other Superintendents have been Peter J. Doremus, Miss Rachel A. Berry, Archibald Lindsey, and Rev. Geo. W. Labaw. The present Secretary and Treasurer who has had her position since the reorganization of the School in 1895 is Miss Minnie L. Bensen. The School has always been held in the district schoolhouse, and as a rule has been very prosperous.

Other things attaching to the pastorate of Mr. Zabriskie were: All the collections for benevolence established under Mr. Cole were continued. Also, the custom, since, adhered to, of the congregation, through their Consistory, furnishing all the hay required for the pastor's horse, is mentioned in the early records of this settlement, if indeed it was not *begun* under Mr. Zabriskie. And then in 1876, a resolution was offered by Elder Peter G. Merselis, and passed in Consistory, in favor of a collection being taken up at every regular Church service, the application being particularly to the Sunday evening service, which has likewise been the custom most of the time since.

Mr. Zabriskie's pastorate in Preakness was an important one, and in some respects has been the main one in his career. He felt much at home here among friends, and bought, and, for a number of years, owned what is at present the Charles H. Tintle farm across the road from the church. But the time came at last when the brother felt it his duty to leave this charge, and on May 20, 1878, he offered his resignation, to take effect, August 1st, following, and it was accepted. At a meeting of Consistory, May 28, Rev. J. N. Jansen, of Pompton, by invitation, being in the chair, a formal application to Classis for a dissolution of the pastoral relation was made out, and the next day, at a special meeting of Classis, at Wyckoff, was presented to Classis, when it was resolved "that the application be granted, and that the pastoral connection between Rev. Albert A. Zabriskie and the Church at Preakness be and hereby is dissolved, to take effect on the first of August next." Brother Jansen, at the same time, in addition to the reading of the customary certificate, stated for the benefit of the brethren that four deacons and one elder were present at the meeting of Consistory when the action referred to was taken, and



that one elder came after the meeting had adjourned; but who, so far as was known, acquiesced in the proceedings. We thus see that it so happened that Mr. Jansen presided at both meetings of the Consistory,—when Mr. Zabriskie was called here, as well as when he was dismissed.

Perhaps we should note in this connection that a daughter, Jennie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Zabriskie in Preakness, who at the age of 24, in May, 1900, received an appointment to the Chair of Domestic Art, in the Missouri State University, an institution which at that time had 1,200 students, and is endowed in the sum of three and one-half millions of dollars. Miss Jennie Zabriskie gained this appointment over a number of competitors from various institutions. She herself is a graduate of Pratt Institute.

## CHAPTER XIII.

## PASTORATE OF REV. B. V. D. WYCKOFF.

Nov. 15, 1878, Consistory met in the church, for the purpose of drawing up a call to be presented to Mr. B. V. D. Wyckoff, a recent graduate of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, and a licentiate of the Classis of New Brunswick. The Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, of Paterson, was moderator of the meeting, and Mr. Wyckoff himself being present, signified his willingness to accept the call, as soon as it might be ratified by Classis. Classis, for this purpose, and, if the way be clear for the ordination and installation of the candidate, met in this church, Dec. 10, 1878;



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when, Brother Wyckoff accepting the call placed in his hands, presented his Certificate of Licensure, but had omitted to secure a Certificate of Dismission from the Classis of New Brunswick. Classis not being able to proceed regularly without this Certificate, two of the members of that Classis, Revs. James Le Fevre and J. P. Searle, being present, gave assurance that they would see that the Certificate was furnished later; when the Classis received the candidate provisionally, on his signing the formula, and his examination was conducted and sustained. The necessary formalities being then gone through with, the ordination and installation services were rendered in the afternoon, as follows: The Rev. A. V. V. Raymond made the invocation. The Scripture lesson was

read by Rev. J. P. Searle. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. N. Jansen. Rev. I. P. Brokaw, from the Classis of Bergen, by invitation of Classis, preached the sermon. After which Brother Wyckoff was ordained by the laying on of hands, this being the second service of the kind in this church, and the installation services immediately followed, Rev. James Le Fevre charging the pastor, and Rev. S. T. Searle, the people. The Rev. S. T. Searle also presided, read the form, and declared the relation of pastor and people duly constituted. The newly installed pastor pronounced the benediction. Naturally there was rejoicing again in Preakness on the completion of this day's work.

Mr. Wyckoff was born in Middlebush, N. J., June 1, 1856; was graduated from Rutgers College, in 1875; and from the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, in 1878. The brother entered upon his ministerial duties as soon as ordained and installed, and continued the successful pastor of this Church until the last of March, 1884, when he went to Readington, N. J., where he still serves. On May 8, 1879, at Middlebush, he married Fannie H. Drew.

During the interim between Mr. Zabriskie and Mr. Wyckoff, services were not held here regularly, and few candidates were heard. The people, however, were at once taken with Mr. Wyckoff, when he preached for them in September. Preparatory Service was held and the Lord's Supper administered in December of that year by Rev. J. C. Cruikshank.

At the beginning of the year 1879, it was resolved in Consistory "to copy up and revise the Church record books." The pastor offered to do the work with Elder Uriah J. Van Riper's help, and it was afterwards thoroughly done; although we are not sure that Elder Van Riper was able to afford the assistance counted on, as in a little over a month after this he died. Following the record of the Elder's death, Feb. 23, 1879, are the words, in Mr. Wyckoff's handwriting: "A prince in Israel." Elder Van Riper's death was a great loss to the Church. Consistory at its meeting Feb. 28, decided, but did not adhere to the resolution very long, to meet monthly. Steps at the same time were taken to secure the services of Miss Della (Delphine) Tintle, daughter of Thomas Tintle, as Church organist. She had served before, and now served again for several years. The spring report to Classis spoke hopefully of the new condition of things, and the progress generally of re-organization under the new pastorate. Some outside repairs on the

church and parsonage lots, mostly in connection with the fences, were made during the summer and fall of that year, and also in the spring of 1880. On June 17, 1779, a great shock came to the community in the sudden death of Albert Smith, who, just after returning home from church that day, while adjusting the tin leader on his house, during a heavy thunder shower, was struck by lightning and killed. On March 5, 1880, it was resolved in Consistory that

"All monies paid for pew rent to private parties letting the pews should be paid to the Consistory for salary instead."

The report to Classis in 1880 showed a very great improvement over the previous year. The number of families was the same, 57. The membership had increased to 92. Monies raised and expended for Congregational purposes amounted to \$1,060.31. In the accompanying remarks, we find: "The year past has been for our Church one of prosperity and blessing. Although there has been no unusual manifestation of the Divine favor in our midst, yet the ordinary work of the Church has advanced in interest and power." The Ladies' Sewing and Mite Society, still in operation, we see paid bills this year to the amount of \$312.50. The two Sunday Schools too were open all the year for the first time in the Church's history. Later in the year (November), a floating debt of about \$100 was provided for largely by personal contributions of the members of Consistory. During this year also, as reported to Classis in the spring of 1881, a Ladies' Tract Society was organized, which distributed tracts among the families of the congregation not only, but among 50 other families besides, who were not church-going. The Sunday School work likewise had advanced, and promised rich fruitage for the future. Nov. 10, 1881, the pastor having received a call from the Reformed Church of Flatbush, Ulster County, N. Y., Consistory, after a canvass of the congregation, resolved to raise his salary, from \$525, on which he had been called, to \$675, and, as soon as possible, to a full \$700, if he would stay, which he promised to, and a paper to this effect was drawn up and properly signed.

The spring report to Classis, in 1882, had a ringing tone. The membership, for the first time in the history of the Church, passed the 100 mark,—5 accessions on confession, and 7 by letter, after deducting losses, bringing it up to 102. Nearly \$100 also was contributed to Foreign Missions, showing a growing interest in that work. While \$400 had been raised, over and above the

ordinary expenditures of support; for an extension of the church in the alcove back of the pulpit, and other repairs made during the following spring and summer. After being closed for several weeks, the church was reopened for service June 25. The communion set or service the Church has was procured at this time by the ladies of the congregation led by Mrs. John Campbell, Miss Dorcas Berdan, and Mrs. Peter J. Doremus. The monthly services at Mountain View, so far as the pastor of this Church was concerned were discontinued in the early part of 1883, on the completion of the Union, afterwards the Methodist, Chapel there, and after this time service began to be held every Sabbath evening in the church.

Mr. Wyckoff, in the late winter or early spring of 1884, having received a call from the Reformed Church of Readington, N. J., decided it was his duty to accept, and arrangements were consequently made to effect a dissolution of the pastoral relation. March 4, Rev. J. H. Owens, of Fairfield, on invitation of the pastor, was present, and presided at a meeting of the Consistory called for this purpose, when a formal application was made and signed. Regrets were expressed by all who were present at this meeting; yet inasmuch as Providence was evidently guiding in the matter, none could withhold his consent to the action taken. Fitting resolutions were drawn up and unanimously adopted as follows:

*"Whereas, God has in His Providence called our pastor, Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, from us to labor in a new and larger field of usefulness: be it*

*Resolved, That we do hereby record that he has been to us all that we could desire, both as pastor and friend.*

*"Also we wish to express our sincere sorrow that we must part with him, and assure him that our earnest prayers will go with him to his new field, to the end that the most abundant success may attend his labors there.*

*"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of Consistory and also presented to Classis."*

Mr. Wyckoff stated at this time that he expected to remain in the place and fill the pulpit until Sunday, March 23; but as the quarter would end on March 10, he wished to serve the last two weeks gratuitously.

The Consistorial report to Classis in the spring of 1884 was made out before Mr. Wyckoff left, and was a good one. As compared with the one of the spring before he came, in 1878, it shows a net increase of 7 families, 11 members, 10 in the Sunday School enrollment, \$115.84 against nothing for religious and benevolent purposes, and \$1,170 against \$400 raised for congregational pur-

poses. During Mr. Wyckoff's pastorate, 16 persons were received into the membership of the Church on confession, and 16 also by certificate. But aside from these statistics, the condition of the congregation was in almost every way much improved over what it had been before he came. The people were united, harmonious and ready at once to call a new man, when they might find him.

The dissolution of the pastoral relation was effected March 17, at a special meeting of the Classis, in Paterson, in the First Reformed Church of Totowa, Rev. J. C. Cruikshank in the chair, and Rev. J. L. Danner, Clerk. The Rev. J. H. Owens presented the formal application, and remarks in addition were made by him, Rev. J. N. Jansen, and Brother Wyckoff; upon which it was resolved that the request be granted. The resolution of Classis which marked the occasion is as follows:

*"Resolved, That while Classis regrets the occasion which takes brother Wyckoff from us, it desires to express its high appreciation of the work which he has accomplished while a member of Classis, not only with his own Church, but also in Classical work, especially in connection with the Mission Record."*

Mr. Wyckoff also at this meeting resigned his position as Treasurer of Classis, which office he had held for several years. The usual certificate of dismissal to the Classis of Raritan, within whose bounds he thereafter expected to labor, was voted to him. Mr. Wyckoff's memory is still fresh and fragrant with the Preakness people.

## CHAPTER XIV.

## PASTORATE OF REV. J. RUSSELL VERBRYCKE.

Mr. J. Russell Verbrycke, a graduate of Rutgers College in 1881, and a member of the graduating class of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick in 1884, succeeded Mr. Wyckoff as pastor of this Church. A call was made on him Apr. 22, 1884, Rev. J. H. Owens presiding at the Consistory meeting when it was done. Mr. Verbrycke accepted the call provisionally, and was ordained and installed June 17, Rev. T. C. Easton, afterwards his father-in-law, of New Brunswick, N. J., preaching the sermon for the occa-



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sion. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. J. O. Van Fleet, and that to the people by Rev. P. Furbeck. The President of Classis, Rev. J. L. Danner, presided and read the form.

It will be seen from this that Mr. Verbrycke was called in a little over a month, and settled in just three months to the day, after Mr. Wyckoff was dismissed, showing that the congregation, as we have said, was left by Mr. Wyckoff in a healthy and prosperous state. These circumstances also indicate that the Church people of Preakness were inclined to try another brand new man from the Seminary, for whom they had to wait a while before he could be

ordained, his ordination being the third and last so far that has occurred in this church.

The Rev. J. Russell Verbrycke was born, reared, and educated in New Brunswick. He came of good old Holland stock. His work for the time he was here was a decided success. On March 1, 1885, the largest accession to the membership of Preakness Church that has ever been experienced occurred, 20 persons in all, every one of them young people, two each from two families, three from another, and four from still another, uniting with the Church on that day, on confession of their faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Seven of the number were baptized. In all, during his pastorate, Mr. Verbrycke received 30 persons into the membership of the Church, all but one of them; his own wife, on confession; and what is still more remarkable, every person of the whole 30 being young people. His personal influence over the young appears to have been especially marked, which was due in part no doubt to his having singing classes and choir meetings, where he came in contact with the young people as their musical instructor, a position for which he was exceptionally fitted, or well qualified. Some of these young people who are still with us are among the best members of the Church we have to-day. Mrs. Verbrycke likewise has left a memorial of her energy and devotion to the cause of the Master, in the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Church, which is still in operation, and has been without intermission since she organized it, an organization which has contributed all these years from \$40 or thereabouts, to over \$100 annually to the Mission work of our Reformed Church.

In the fall of 1886, the heating of the church by stoves not having been satisfactory, a furnace was put under the front end of the structure, the necessary excavation having been made for that purpose. The members of the committee of Consistory in charge of the work, and who had it done, were Jacob R. Berdan, John G. Merselis, and David Bensen. The cost of it was about \$400. The arrangement has since been fairly satisfactory, except in the coldest weather.

Mr. Verbrycke remained in Preakness until the spring of 1887, not quite three years,—more accurately about two years and three-quarters. On April 4, 1887, a meeting of Consistory was held at the house of Elder Albert Bensen, at which Rev. Philip Furbeck presided, and it was resolved at the request of the pastor



to apply to Classis for a dissolution of the pastoral relation. The following resolution was offered at this meeting and adopted :

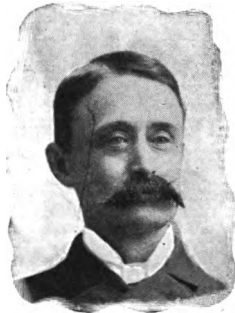
"We, the Consistory of the Preakness Reformed Church unite with J. Russell Verbrycke in his request to Classis that his pastoral relation to us may cease; and resolve that we do so with sorrow and regret; and speak of his pastorate as the relations which have been pleasant and harmonious for three years, and which we believe are the sentiments of the Church and congregation. With the young people of the Church he will be missed, especially with the Choir, in which he took a deep interest, and for which he labored earnestly. During his pastorate among us, he has proved himself a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, a diligent and conscientious pastor, a friend and consoler in sorrow, full of sympathy and tenderness toward the bereaved. That we commend him to the love and confidence of the Church of which he is about to become pastor. And that we pray, and will continue to pray that the blessing of God abide with him and his family, and that his labors in the Gospel may be crowned with abundant success."

Classis acted on the application thus presented the next day at Fairfield, and gave the brother a letter of dismissal from this Classis to the Classis of Paramus. He went from here to the Reformed Church of Piermont, New York, where he labored until the last of 1893, or the beginning of 1894, since which time he has been pastor of the Gurley Memorial Presbyterian Church at Washington, D. C. The Preakness Church reached its highest reported membership under Mr. Verbrycke, who, in 1886, reported the total number of those in communion with us to be 125, although the next year the list was revised, and nearly 50 were not reported, making the number 79.

## CHAPTER XV.

REV. T. A. BEEKMAN, STATED SUPPLY.

After Mr. Verbrycke left, the Church, for several months was without a pastor. Candidates were heard, but it was not until Oct. 27, 1887, that a resolution was passed in Consistory to have Rev. Theodore A. Beekman supply the pulpit for a year. The vote, according to the minutes, was unanimous. And from the a communication from the Clerk of Consistory, (J. G. Merselis, Deacon), to Classis, we see that on the part of the officers of the Church at any rate, it was with a view to having the brother ultimately permanently settled. Mr. Beekman had a call from the



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Consistory, but preferred not to be installed at first, as he entertained other plans. The brother was here in all about a year and a half, and certainly did a good work, receiving quite a number, seventeen, into the Church, mostly, though not all, young people, and nearly all of them on confession. Two of these persons are now (1902) in Consistory, and have been for years, and two others have been members of that body. In different ways Mr. Beekman greatly helped the Preakness Church. He was a firm friend, socially inclined, and a good pastor. Also among other things he brought the people up in their contributions to missions, as they had never contributed before, and which they continue to feel the effects of to this day. And then the large and flourishing Chris-

tian Endeavor Society, which for the size and location of the Church, has been exceptional, was a creation of Mr. Beekman's and his wife's, of which moreover they have ever since been proud, and they have reason to be.

This Society was organized Jan. 18, 1888, in the parsonage, by the adoption of the Revised Model Constitution of the United Society. Mr. Beekman acted as Chairman of the organization meeting, and Deacon J. Frank Day acted as Secretary. Nine other persons were present on the occasion, who therefore constituted the original membership of the Society, viz: Richard Bensen, Louisa E. Vail, Kate B. Vail, Mary A. Vail, John S. Post, Sadie B. Vail, Mary L. Berdan, Mary Bensen, and Libbie R. Berdan. Almost immediately, however, twenty-five or more persons in all became active members of the Society, and signed their names to the Active Membership Pledge, as follows: Mary A. Vail, Mary L. Berdan, Kate B. Vail, Chatty Bensen, Lou Ethlen Vail, Sadie B. Vail, Mary Bensen, Libbie Berdan, Libbie R. Berdan, Minnie Martin, Ella Terhune, Nellie Bensen, John D. Merselis, Fred Berdan, J. S. Post, R. Bensen, Fannie F. Doremus, Lizzie H. Doremus, Mattie S. Doremus, Jennie Bensen, Lottie Cahill, Clara Cahill, Mamie Merselis, George Braddock, Lizzie Hudson, Fannie I. Vail, J. W. Doremus, Augustus Mowel. No dates were given, but these were all early Active Members. The first officers of the Society were: John S. Post, President; Richard Bensen, Vice-President; Mary A. Vail, Secretary; Mary L. Berdan, Treasurer; Libbie R. Berdan, Organist; Mary A. Vail, Assistant Organist. There was no separate Corresponding Secretary to start with, but Richard Bensen was afterwards chosen as the first one. Friday evening was at the outset designated as the regular weekly prayer meeting evening of the Society, and this has never been changed. The meetings began to be held at the parsonage, and there is where they have always been held, except for a while between pastorates, after Mr. Beekman left, and occasionally for an evening, when it has been more convenient to have them elsewhere, usually at the house of Mr. Albert Bensen, next neighbor. The Society reached its highest membership two or three years after its organization. The largest attendance at any one meeting ever held in the parsonage was 52. At that time there were about 40 active members, and about 10 associate members.

Mr. Beekman was graduated from Rutgers College in 1882, and from the Seminary at New Brunswick in 1885. He was

ordained to the ministry and settled in Columbia, N. Y., in 1885, where he remained until he came to Preakness. After leaving Preakness, he went to Howe's Cave, or Central Bridge and Schoharie Mountain, N. Y. In 1894, he was called and went to Jerusalem, N. Y., where he remained until late in 1901. He is at present in Red Bank, N. J., endeavoring to build up a Reformed Church congregation there.

The spring report to Classis in 1889, just before Mr. Beekman's work here closed, indicated 48 families, 93 members, 130 in Sunday Schools, \$212.25 raised for benevolence, mostly missions, and \$902.11 for congregational purposes. Mr. Beekman, with his family, remained in the parsonage most of the summer, and occasionally, after the June communion, when candidates were not heard, he preached as a supply. During the summer, the outside woodwork of the church was painted, and also later in the season, the parsonage, both inside and outside. Just before he left Preakness with his family, and before the parsonage was occupied by the new pastor-elect, this brother performed the first marriage ceremony, we believe, that was ever performed in this church building,—that of Augustus Mowel and Sadie B. Vail, on Sept. 19, 1889. And there has been but one other service of the same kind since, in the Preakness church, viz.: that of A. C. Post and Lizzie Hudson, by the present pastor, June 17, 1896.

## CHAPTER XVI.

## PASTORATE OF REV. GEO. W. LABAW.

Aug. 9, 1889, it was resolved in Consistory to call to the pastorate the Rev. Geo. W. Labaw, of Colt's Neck, N. J. Mr. Labaw had preached as candidate June 30, and also July 28. On the 5th of August, Deacon J. Frank Day had been appointed a committee to go and see Mr. Labaw, as to whether he would accept a call from this Church, if tendered. The result of Deacon Day's visit being favorable, the Consistory came together at the aforementioned date, (Aug. 9), with Rev. J. C. Cruikshank in the chair, who drew up and moderated the call. Mr. Labaw, on receiving said call, wrote his acceptance, and began his labors Sept. 15. He was installed Oct. 22, 1889, a good congregation being present to enter into Covenant with him. Rev. J. A. Trimmer, of Pompton, preached the sermon on the occasion. Rev. C. M. Perlee, of Boonton, presided and read the form, as well as pronounced the relations of pastor and people of the Reformed Church of Preakness duly formed. By invitation of Classis, Rev. Theo. W. Welles, of the Classis of Paramus, gave the charge to the new pastor, and Rev. A. A. King, of the Riverside Reformed Church, of Paterson, the charge to the people.

George Warne Labaw was born near Clinton, N. J., Feb. 29, 1848, and is a lineal descendant, through his mother, of Thomas Warne, one of the Twenty-four Proprietors of East New Jersey. He was prepared for college, in 1864 and 1865, at the Rutgers College Grammar School, then under the charge of the Rev. C. E. Crispel, D.D.; was graduated from Rutgers College, in 1869; he spent a year in Illinois, in teaching; first near Warrensville, Du Page county, and then at Dunton, now Arlington Heights, Cook county; after which, in the fall of 1870, he entered the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, from which institution he graduated in 1873, having spent his first summer's vacation in doing mission work in the Congregational Church at Whiting, Maine, and the second, at Cooper, Maine, both in Washington county of that state. Mr. Labaw was licensed by the Classis of Philadelphia, in session

at Harlingen, N. J., May 27, 1873, and was dismissed to the Classis of Saratoga, within whose bounds he had received and accepted a call. The next month, June, on the 18th, he was ordained and installed pastor over the joint charge of the Reformed Churches of Northumberland and Fort Miller, in the Classis of Saratoga, and remained there until July of the following year, when he resigned. For about three months after this he supplied what was then the mission station, but which is now the Reformed Church at Ridgewood, N. J. In October, 1874, he received and accepted a call from, and, on November 1st, began his labors in, the Reformed Church of Blue Mountain, N. Y., in the Classis of Ulster, where he remained eight years. The date of his installation over said Church was Nov. 10, of that year. The preliminary exercises were conducted by the Rev. Stephen Searle, of Caatsban. Prayer was offered by Rev. Asher Anderson, of Flatbush, Ulster county, N. Y. Rev. Wm. G. E. See, of Platte Kill, preached the sermon. The President of Classis, Rev. D. N. Van Derveer, of Kingston, presided, read the form, &c. The charges to the pastor and people were those contained in the form.

On the 25th of November of that year, Mr. Labaw married Kate B. Mosher, daughter of Lewis H. Mosher, M.D., of Griggstown, N. J.

The first winter of Mr. Labaw's labors in this large and laborious field was distinguished by the greatest revival that has ever been experienced in that section, resulting in more additions to the Church there, as reported to Classis the following spring, than were received in any Church in the denomination that year, the exact number being 124 on confession, and 6 by letter; while 23 others were received later at the next June communion. Several other smaller additions were made during this eight years pastorate, and at the preaching of his farewell sermon many of his hearers had to stand in the aisles and galleries of the church.

In the fall of 1882, Mr. Labaw received and accepted a call from the Reformed Church of Colt's Neck, N. J., where he was installed Dec. 5th, Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., the President of Classis, presiding and reading the form, Rev. William Reiley, D.D., preaching the sermon, Rev. Wm. H. Phraner giving the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Theo. W. Welles, that to the people. Mr. Labaw remained at Colt's Neck about seven years, during which time repairs and improvements were made on the church edifice, and some additions were made to the parsonage property. The

pastoral relation of the writer with the Colt's Neck Church was dissolved by the Classis of Monmouth in stated session, at Highlands, N. J., Sept. 24, 1889. The following resolution, previously adopted by the Consistory of the Church, was at this time presented to Classis:

*"Resolved, That while we are constrained to comply with this request, we deeply regret the severing of the ties that have bound us together for so many years, and desire to bear our cheerful testimony to his untiring energy and faithfulness to the Master's cause; his attention to the sick and suffering; and the hearty and faithful co-operation of his devoted wife in every good word and work during their labors among us, which we trust may yet bring forth much fruit to the glory of the Master, whose blessings in such abundance we humbly pray may accompany them in whatever portion of His vineyard they may hereafter be called to labor."*

Mr. Labaw entered upon his work at Preakness under favorable auspices. He was well received by the people, the congregation was united, the spiritual state of the charge was good, and the Church property was in good physical condition. The Consistory borrowed \$150 on note with which to pay bills for repairs; but the note was soon afterwards taken up, and there was no other debt. The following collections for benevolence were at once resolved on:

3rd Sunday in April, Domestic Missions.  
 " " July, Foreign Missions.  
 " " October, Domestic Missions.  
 " " January, Board of Education.

But these were directly changed to

3rd Sunday in January, Board of Education.  
 " " March, Foreign Missions.  
 " " May, Domestic Missions.  
 " " July, Foreign Missions.  
 " " August, Passaic Co. Bible Society.  
 " " October, Domestic Missions.

At the same time the prayer meetings held in Upper and Lower Preakness were well attended; the Woman's Missionary Society, organized during the pastorate of Rev. J. R. Verbrycke, by Mrs. Verbrycke, was in good working order; the Church Sunday School was closed during the winter months; but the Lower Preakness Sunday School continued in operation; while the most promising feature of the work was the flourishing condition of the Christian Endeavor Society, with an Active Membership of 33, and an Associate Membership of 9, which was still further increased later on. The number of families reported in the spring of 1890 was 48, the

number of church members 99, and the Sunday School enrollment in the two Schools was 106. This was a good start, and everything betokened prosperity. The highest membership of the present pastorate was 109, in 1891. For two years after that it was kept at 106, but later, through removals, dismissions, and deaths, and by keeping the list constantly *revised*, it has fallen to 90. The number of families also has been reduced to 40, while our contributions, whether for benevolence or congregational purposes, have been as a rule, and have averaged, higher than ever before.

In the spring of 1891, the road in front of the parsonage was cut down and macadamized, and the stone wall built which has since greatly improved the appearance of the parsonage property.

In April of this year, Elder William Cahill was taken suddenly and violently ill with pneumonia, and almost before any one knew he was sick, passed away. At a meeting of Consistory May 29, the following resolution in reference to Mr. Cahill's death was offered and passed:

*"Resolved, That this Consistory feel deeply the loss which the Reformed Church of Preakness, N. J., and we ourselves, as his associates in office, in said Church, have sustained by the unexpected decease, Apr. 23, 1891, of our brother, Elder William Cahill, who for several years had been an earnest, active, and efficient officer in the Church, and whose character had won the esteem and respect of all."*

*"That we sincerely sympathize with the family and relatives of the deceased, and desire to add this tribute to his memory."*

*"That this resolution be signed by the members of Consistory and given to the family, and a copy of it made in the Consistorial Minutes."*

(Signed)

GEO. W. LABAW, *Pastor.*

JACOB R. BERDAN,  
JOHN G. MERSELIS,  
J. F. DAY,

*Elders.*

RICHARD D. BENSON,  
GILBERT F. MERSELIS,  
HEZEKIAH BRADDOCK,  
J. W. DOREMUS,

*Deacons.*

Ex-Elder Peter G. Merselis died Aug. 30. In 1892, the young people of the congregation, as represented principally by the Y. P. S. C. E., by a series of special efforts in the shape of entertainments, for which they were responsible, placed new cushions in the church pews, made by Ostermoor and Son, of New York, at an expense of \$285.

A couple of King's Daughters Circles, named "The Willing Helpers Circle" and "The Inasmuch Circle" were organized in



1893, and the same year the former gave to the Church Sunday School a new book case, and the latter nearly paid the winter's coal bill of the church. These Circles continued in existence for two or three years, and then gradually disbanded; but not until together they had raised about \$70 toward a new carpet for the church, which money was deposited in the Paterson Savings Institution, and, with a few years' interest added to it, was sufficient to pay over two-thirds the expense of the new carpet laid on our church floor just before our Centennial celebration.

In the early part of 1896, beginning with the observance of the Week of Prayer, considerable special interest in spiritual things was manifest among the young people, and as a result of nightly meetings for three weeks in all, (excepting Saturdays), seven of our young people united with us in confession of their faith, and one by letter, at the March communion.

In the fall of 1897, late in September, the Rev. S. T. Jackson, pastor of Calvary M. E. Church, Paterson, went around, with the pastor of this Church, among the Preakness people, to solicit contributions in farm produce or cash, for the Paterson General Hospital. For several years already the Sunday School or Sunday Schools here had contributed, and continued to contribute, from \$6 to \$25 or more, annually, toward the Children's Ward of said Hospital; but this movement of Brother Jackson's was entirely new. Nevertheless, the people responded most liberally. And three years later, viz: in the fall of 1900, as well as in that of 1901, the Rev. Joseph Sullivan, of the Fourth Baptist Church of Paterson, repeated the experiment, with equal or even better success,—from \$125 to \$150 in value, each year, for all three years, besides what the Sunday Schools gave those years, thus being willingly contributed by this people, or the people of this community, to the work of the General Hospital in our neighboring city; while we suppose the same thing will be done this coming fall, viz: that of 1902.

On Jan. 18, 1898, the Preakness Christian Endeavor Society celebrated the tenth anniversary of its organization. From the report of the Recording Secretary, Archibald Lindsay, on the occasion, we cull and copy the following partial extracts:

“Since our organization, ten years ago to-night, we have had connected with our Society eighty of the young people of the neighborhood. Our largest attendance (52) at any one meeting was during the third year of our history, when we had about forty

active members. We have at this time (1898) eight Honorary, twenty-seven Active, and seventeen Associate members. Only two deaths as far as we know have occurred in the Society during the ten years. Our meetings are held at the parsonage on Friday evening of each week, the business meetings being held after the prayer meeting on the first meeting night of each month. Our consecration meetings are held the last meeting night of each month, and at these meetings the members repeat the pledge from memory. We have had a full complement of officers and committees, and all have worked for the best interests of the Society. Some years we have raised considerable money for the Missionary Boards of our Church. For the past eight years, we have been connected with the Paterson Local Union, and have generally had a good representation at their meetings. One meeting of the Local Union has been here in Preakness. As a whole our Society has been active and prosperous, and a great help to the Church and to the community at large."

In February, 1898, the Consistory bought of the Walder estate, in Paterson, the horse sheds south of the church and a sufficient tract of land there for their accommodation, for the sum of \$350. These sheds were built by Peter C. Post on his land when the new cemetery was laid out in 1857, and were rented for the benefit of the owner to those who wished them. The Church now has that revenue,—nineteen sheds out of twenty (one for the minister's horse not being charged for) bringing in \$57 annually. Shortly after the purchase of this property, the meadow lot on Singac Brook, consisting of 5 86-100 acres, which the Consistory had bought in 1849, for the use of Mr. Staats, and which for years had been rented, was, as we have seen, sold to J. W. Hinchman, for \$400. The Consistory had borrowed money on a note with which to pay for the horse shed property. This note was now paid, and with the balance of the \$400, together with the shed rents received May 1st, a part only of the money being used, the outside woodwork of the church was painted, and the bricks so far as necessary were pointed.

In the spring report to Classis this year, reference was made to the exceptionally sad feature of the loss by death of three of our young women members, all of whom also had been among the early members of our C. E. Society. The first of these deaths, on New Year's Day, was that of Miss Mary L. Berdan, for many years a member of our Church choir, stricken down by apoplexy, while singing at the piano which her sister was playing, in the home of a

relative in Passaic City. Miss Berdan survived her shock but a few hours. The next was that of Miss Erminie Martin, Feb. 24, after a very short illness. Miss Martin was the daughter of Robert Martin. And the last was that of Miss Clara Cahill, on April 3rd, who had been on the decline for several years with consumption. The first two were likewise members of our Woman's Missionary Society. All three were exceedingly devoted Christians, and great lovers of the Lord's house and service. That Miss Cahill especially was a constant reader and a diligent and faithful student of God's Word is borne witness to by her very much marked and annotated Bible.

In the spring of 1899, previous to the observance of Children's Day, in June, a new organ was bought for the Church Sunday School, the old oak-cased one, bought during Mr. Durand's time, having given out; although it was put in with the price of the other by way of trade. Considerable repairing was done in the late summer and early fall of that same year, on the church horse sheds recently purchased, and which were quite dilapidated; but the front extension, which the sheds never before had, but which they have now, was not put on them until the fall of 1901, just before the Centennial celebration. Church Lane was macadamized, and Church hill was cut down to its present shape in the winter and spring of 1900, and the grass plot in front of the church was terraced, and the street lamp erected the same spring, or a little later. The slate roof on the church was put there in the late fall or early winter of 1900, by James Tintle, of Bloomingdale, N. J., at the cost, including lumber, sheathing, and zinc, of \$306. The old shingle roof on the south side was getting poor, while that on the north side was most of it good; but in view of making interior repairs and decorations, it was decided to have the old roof give place to the new one,—the shingle roof to one of slate. Most of the old roof, in order to save the best of the shingles, was taken off in large sections, and the shingles were afterwards used as far as they would go, for repairing and extending the roof of the horse sheds. The money paid for the slate roof was borrowed by Consistory on note from A. Bensen, Sr., and J. W. Hinchman, the former furnishing \$150, and the latter \$175. Some mason work also had to be paid for.

The following resolution was passed by Consistory Feb. 21, 1901, in regard to vacated church pews:

*Resolved*, That hereafter, when a pew in our church is vacated on account of the death or removal from the congregation of the party or parties who have occupied it, said party or parties or family not owning the same, the pew or pews thus designated, not being owned by any one else in the congregation, shall at once be taken charge of by the pew committee, under the direction of Consistory, for rent or allotment, according to application."

On March 6, 1901, the congregation and community were greatly shocked by the sudden, though not unexpected, death of Elder Jacob R. Berdan. Mr. Berdan, of late had been as well as usual, but being afflicted with heart trouble, was liable to be taken at any moment. On his retiring on the evening of March 5th, no one thought but that they would see him alive the next morning; but some time toward morning, it was found that his spirit had fled. Three days afterwards, the funeral services, which were largely attended, were held at the house, and the remains of the brother were laid away in the family plot, in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, on the banks of the Passaic, below Paterson. Mr. Berdan has been greatly missed, not only by his family and friends, but by the Preakness Church. The Consistory, on March 17, after the morning service of that day, at a meeting which was opened and closed with prayer, passed the following preamble and resolutions in regard to Mr. Berdan's death:

"WHEREAS, God in His overruling Providence, almost without warning, has been pleased to take from us to his eternal reward, our brother beloved, Elder Jacob R. Berdan, therefore

*Resolved*, That in this sudden and severe bereavement, we acknowledge the Divine right to do as He will, and bow with humble submission to the heavenly dispensation.

*Resolved*, That we hereby bear witness to brother Berdan's faithfulness and zeal as a Christian and officer of the Church; to his loyalty both to his Maker and to those associated with him in any human relation; to the beneficent influence of his life and spirit upon all with whom he came in contact:—a workman that needed not to be ashamed, who was conscious of the all seeing eye of God upon him, and who lived in expectation of some day rendering to his divine Master an account of his stewardship. As a Deacon for ten years, and an Elder for twenty years in this Consistory, our brother's counsel was constantly sought and valued, and we shall now greatly miss him as an adviser.

*Resolved*, That we extend our sympathy to his bereaved family and friends, and in our prayers commend them to God's care and keeping.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the family, and published in the Christian Intelligencer."

Preparations, toward which Mr. Berdan had looked forward with considerable interest, and which we had all hoped he would be a great help to us in making, were now entered upon to repair and redecorate the interior of the church. The old decorations, which had been on about nineteen years, were faded and quite shabby,

and some of the paint on the ceiling by reason of leaks in the roof, or the melting snow which had blown in on the attic floor, had peeled off, thereby making things of course look much worse. There was, however, at the start, some doubt as to whether it was expedient to do this work of redecoration at this time. But on May 6, Deacons F. T. Torbet and A. Laauwe were appointed a committee to secure estimates and the sentiment of the congregation in regard to going forward with it; while on June 17, after the report of this committee, it was resolved to circulate subscription papers, with which circulation also there was encouraging success, and on July 8, the estimate, which was equivalent to a bid, of William S. Umpleby, of Flemington, N. J., being reported as most favorably received by the committee, Consistory gave said committee power to go ahead, in case, as it seemed likely they would, the subscriptions reached to within \$50 of the amount of Mr. Umpleby's bid. The reason of this action was, that in the meantime, Miss Dorcas Berdan, daughter of the late Garret Berdan, had generously paid the sum of \$50 toward the debt incurred by putting on the new church roof; while she also soon after contributed most liberally likewise toward the work of redecoration, and for which altogether the Consistory was prompted to give her a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks.

The committee, thus empowered, soon having the desired amount and more subscribed, awarded the contract, which was to be executed in oil and whitelead, to Mr. Umpleby, first for \$215, to which, for extra work, viz: for the frieze below the cornice, which was not in the original contract, \$35 was subsequently added. The artist was given discretion as to colors and the filling in of the general design, the wisdom of which course was proven later, when the work was done, by the prevailing satisfaction expressed on the part of all concerned; the groundwork color approaching terra cotta, and the more prominent parts, such as the cornices, the centre pieces, and the decorative pillars back of the pulpit, and in the alcove, being in ivory white; while in the trimming the noticeable colors shade around dark red and olive green. The pews and woodwork were merely touched up and revarnished. The vestibule walls and ceiling were finished off also in a light shade of green. The new carpet in the audience room, to which we have already referred, selected with the artist's approval by a committee of ladies, consisting of Mrs. P. J. Doremus, Mrs. James D. Berdan, Mrs. Ira Roat, and Miss R. A. Berry, which committee had been chosen by

the Consistory, being moss green in shade, and in keeping with the decorations and furnishings, naturally adds very materially to the pleasing effect produced upon all who enter the building.

On Aug. 26, 1901, the Consistory, on inspecting and accepting the work of Mr. Umpleby, passed the following:

*"Resolved, That in accepting the work of painting and decoration of the inside of our church by William S. Umpleby, we do so with a hearty vote of thanks, and a sincere appreciation of his ability and faithfulness, in giving us most excellent and honest service."*

For seven Sundays, or nearly eight weeks, viz: from Monday, July 22, until late in the week beginning with Sept. 8, the church was closed for this work, no services at all being held for six Sundays; while on Sept. 8, when we had expected to have our opening services, there was service in Upper Preakness Schoolhouse Hall instead. The church was reopened Sept. 15, when the pastor preached an appropriate sermon from Psalms 122; 1: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

But a short time remained now in which to get ready for the Centennial celebration; but the arrangements were made, and successfully carried out. On Aug. 26, the dates of Oct. 27-29 inclusive, (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday), were set apart for such celebration. Later, Sept. 23, Consistory met to make the final arrangements in regard to programme and music, and the transportation from Paterson and return, and the furnishing of luncheon on Tuesday, for our guests of that day. Luncheon was served under a tent pitched on the South side of the church, which tent was loaned to us for the occasion by the kindness of our neighbor, Charles H. Tintle.

The following was the programme made out and printed on a neat folder, on the front page of which was a good cut of the church:

Sunday morning service at 10:30, conducted by Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, of Readington, N. J.; sermon by the pastor, Rev. George W. Labaw, on "The Progress of the Reformed Church in America During the Last Century." Evening service at 7:30, address by Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, on "Our Anniversaries;" paper read by the pastor on "Early Preaching, Preachers and Churches in the Neighborhood of Preakness."

Monday evening at 7:30, the pastor presiding—Devotional and musical; reports of organizations; address, "Kingdom Spreading in the New Century," by Rev. John W. Conklin, Field Secretary Board

of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church; address, "The Duty of the Hour," by Rev. A. DeW. Mason, President of the Christian Endeavor Missionary League, of the Reformed Church.

Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., the pastor presiding—Singing, hymn 135; invocation, Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D., New Brunswick; Scripture lesson, Psalm 122, Rev. F. S. Wilson, Pompton; solo; prayer, Rev. J. S. Hogan, Pompton Plains; singing hymn 363; historical address, the pastor; prayer, Rev. J. F. Folsom, Kearny; singing hymn 504; benediction.

At 2 p. m., Rev. Theodore W. Welles, D.D., of Paterson, presiding—Singing hymn 122; prayer, Rev. Thomas Powell Vernoll, Paterson; congratulations by representatives of Classis of Passaic, Bergen and Paramus; anthem, the choir; reminiscences by former pastors; music; address, "A Son that was not a Son," by Rev. David E. Post, of Gilbertsville, N. Y.; address, "Reminiscences," by Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D.; singing hymn 334; address, "Jersey Dutch," William Nelson, Paterson; doxology; benediction.

The music will be in charge of the choir with Mrs. A. Titus as soloist and Miss Mary A. Vail as organist.

Luncheon will be served from 12:30 to 1:30 on Tuesday. Stages will be run from John H. Ackerman's stables on River street to the church on Tuesday, starting at 9:30 and 1 o'clock, and returning at the close of the exercises.

This programme was carried out as far as the time permitted, as per report furnished by Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, to *The Christian Intelligencer*, under date of Nov. 6, 1901.

"The Reformed Church of Preakness has passed the century mark and has been holding appropriate services in commemoration of that event. The anniversary began on Sunday, Oct. 27, and continued until Tuesday the 29th, and five highly interesting and profitable services were held.

On Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock the Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, a former pastor, led the devotional exercises and the present pastor, the Rev. George W. Labaw, delivered an address on the theme, "The Progress of the Reformed Church in America During the Last Century." It was a very compact and eloquent statement of the growth of the denomination in all its extent. On Sunday evening an address was delivered by the Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff on the subject "Our Anniversaries," after which the pastor read a second brief paper on the subject "Early Preaching and Preachers in the Neighborhood of Preakness." This, like the ad-

dress of the morning, was a most carefully prepared and suggestive paper.

On Monday evening the wider interests of the church were taken up. The Rev. A. A. Zabriskie offered prayer and the Rev. Theodore A. Beekman read the seventy-second Psalm, after which the Field Secretary of the Foreign Board of Missions, the Rev. John W. Conklin, spoke on the topic, "Kingdom Spreading in the New Century," and was followed by the Rev. A. DeW. Mason, the representative of the Missionary League, on the theme, "The Duty of the Hour." These brethren were listened to with delight and profit, not only because of the weight of their words, but also because of their former pleasant relations to the Classis of Passaic, to which the Church of Preakness belongs.

The last day—and the best—of the anniversary feast was Tuesday the 29th, when the centennial services proper were held, commencing at 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D., offered an appropriate invocation. The Rev. F. S. Wilson read Psalm 122, and the Rev. J. S. Hogan offered prayer. The pastor then delivered his historical address on the origin and progress of the Preakness church. His text was found in Zech., 1:5, "Your Fathers, Where Are They? and the Prophets, Do They Live Forever?" He traced the early settlement of Passaic County and especially of that portion of it with which the Preakness people had had most to do. The discourse was clearly the result of long and patient research, and its delivery was so forceful and earnest that the speaker held his audience without a moment's lapse to the very conclusion. It is a matter of congratulation that Mr. Labaw is intending to publish ere long a volume covering the period he has been investigating. We bespeak for it a most favorable reception.

At noon a lunch was served to all visitors by the ladies of the church in a tent erected just south of the church edifice. A very pleasant social hour was enjoyed by the many friends who had gathered. Many old friendships were renewed, and hosts of memories were awakened into new life.

At 2 o'clock the final service began. The Rev. T. W. Welles, D.D., presided and introduced first the representatives of the three Classis of Passaic, Bergen and Paramus. The Revs. S. R. Cunningham, Charles S. Wright and T. W. Welles, D.D., presented congratulations from these bodies. Next the ex-pastors who were still living and were present at the exercises were heard. The Rev. C. B. Durand, of Newark, N. J., spoke with much earnestness and



tenderness of the years of his pastorate. He was followed by the Rev. A. A. Zabriskie, whose remarks took a very practical and successful turn without solicitation on the part of the pastor or church. He enlisted the aid of a blackboard and in a brief time secured subscriptions to the amount of \$275 to pay off the only debt resting on the church, a debt recently incurred in the unexpected reroofing of the edifice. At the close of this part of the service the doxology was sung very heartily. The Revs. B. V. D. Wyckoff and Theodore A. Beekman then gave reminiscences of their pastorates. Owing to the lengthening shadows, the Rev. Dr. Corwin postponed his address until the next centennial. The Rev. David E. Post, a son of the church at Preakness, spoke briefly, and then Mr. Wm. Nelson, of Paterson, spoke for a few moments on the "Traits of the Jersey Dutch." Time would fail to make mention of all that deserves record.

The solos sung by Mrs. A. Titus, of Lambertville, N. J., were highly appreciated, as also the singing by the choir of the church. The church was very tastefully decorated with flowers and shields bearing important dates in the church's history. Orange ribbons were also suspended from the center of the alcove in each direction, indicating the loyalty of the church to the colors of their fathers."

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Titus, who are cousins of the pastor, the former of whom, with the clarinet, assisted in the playing of accompaniments, while the latter sang, came, by special invitation, from their home in a distant part of the state to participate in these interesting exercises, a circumstance which was greatly appreciated by the congregation.

On Nov. 18, Consistory met in the pastor's study when the following resolutions of thanks were passed:

*"Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the church choir and those who joined them in furnishing music for our late centennial celebration."*

*"Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Titus, of Lambertville, N. J., who so kindly and disinterestedly gave us such excellent special music for our centennial celebration, and thereby added much interest to the occasion, be accorded a unanimous and appreciative vote of thanks by this body."*

*"Resolved, That Mr. Charles H. Tintle be thanked for favoring us as he did with the use of his tent, under which we were able to serve luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 29, to our guests."*

But little remains to be recorded of this history. It is, at this point, about up to date.

A few weeks after the Centennial, Miss Dorcas Berdan gave the Church a clear and beautiful typed, handsomely bound, self

pronouncing pulpit Bible, a publication of the New York International Bible Agency, to take the place of the Bible, which had become much worn, which she and her cousin, Miss Rebecca Berdan, had given to the congregation in 1852, a half a century ago, when the new church as it was then was furnished.

Since March last, the quarterly service preparatory to each communion season, which service hitherto for many years has been held on Friday afternoon, has been changed, merely, however, as an experiment, to the previous regular Sunday morning service, it being the idea of the Consistory that greater good will be done by the new arrangement.

The Preakness Church thus having finished her first century of existence, has already entered upon the experiences and work of another. Conditions have changed; but the religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has not changed. The people now are not as Dutch as they were in the time of our fathers; but the same sturdy Christian character that distinguished the people of God in these parts a century ago, yea earlier, is still to be found in the Church, and in this Church.

Large numbers from other nations assimilated themselves with Israel in the days of the old dispensation; and occasionally or at long intervals, there was an assimilation of the same kind even in the line of the genealogy of our Lord Himself. But was Israel any worse off, or the line in which the Savior of mankind came, any the more degenerated by the course of events? Usually new blood brings new life, together with other advantages. We believe this has been the case in many Christian communities, and in this community. In our midst to-day are the representatives of numerous nations and Church organizations, who profess the same Lord, the same faith, and the same baptism. God is over us all, and all owe and acknowledge allegiance to Him, and our common Lord. There is more in our Church life to-day than there ever was. There is more for us, and all Christians to look forward to than ever before. Christian life means more, and Christian activity accomplishes more in this wonderful age of advancement than in the years and centuries gone. Moreover, America is the country of the world, and by America we mean the United States. The Christian Church in America, or in the United States, is different and far ahead in its possibilities, of the Church in all other nations. The Reformed faith, and the Dutch Reformed faith is as firmly established, whether by priority or otherwise as any in the

land. Why should we not here in Preakness rejoice, both in pride of ancestry and in glorious opportunity?

On May 1, 1902, after more than a year's agitation, and considerable correspondence with Congressman James F. Stewart, and the Post Office officials at Washington, on the part of the pastor and others of this Church and community, Rural Free Delivery of mails, from the Paterson post office, was established for Upper and Lower Preakness, in neither of which neighborhoods has there ever been a post office. Our rural free delivery service is in every respect first-class, and a great benefit to all this region of country.



INTERIOR VIEW OF PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH, 1901.

# APPENDIX,

CONTAINING THE

Statistical Table, the Lists of Elders and Deacons and Treasurers  
of the Church, the Membership Roll, the Church  
Records, and Tombstone Inscriptions.

TABLE OF ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH, SO FAR  
AS WE HAVE THE DATA, TO DATE. NOTHING BEFORE 1814.

Year.	Families.	On Confession.	Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants Baptized.	Adults.	Total in Congrega- tion.
1814	70						42	25		366
1815										
1816	70						43			366
1817										
1818										
1819										
1820										
1821										
1822										
1823							46			
1824	60					5	46	12		380
1825							40			
1826	53	1					41	9		258
1827										
1828	54	5	2				41	17	1	263
1829	55	3	3				45	12		258
1830	55									251
1831	55						45			251
1832	57	7					62	17		252
1833	55						53	10		251
1834	50						53	10		250
1835							47			
1836	50	22			2		49	6		250
1837										
1838							53			
1839	48	2					56	6		250
1840										

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Year.	Families.	On Confession.	Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants Baptized.	Adults.	Catechumens.	S. Schools.	Enrollment.	Benevolence.	Congregational Purposes.	Total in Congregation.	Bible Class.
1841	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1842	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1843	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1844	54	1	3	.....	.....	1	29	5	.....	49	.....	96	.....	.....	308	.....
1845	54	5	2	.....	.....	1	35	2	.....	35	1	80	.....	.....	310	16
1846	54	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	312	15
1847	54	.....	2	3	.....	.....	36	2	.....	35	1	80	.....	.....	325	46
1848	58	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	2	.....	30	1	60	.....	.....	330	30
1849	64	1	2	2	.....	1	37	4	.....	25	1	50	.....	.....	330	30
1850	70	2	4	.....	.....	.....	42	4	.....	39	1	50	.....	.....	350	46
1851	67	4	1	.....	1	3	43	6	1	33	1	60	.....	.....	335	37
1852	69	2	2	.....	.....	1	46	8	.....	18	1	60	.....	.....	360	20
1853	78	.....	2	2	.....	3	42	1	.....	18	1	70	89.70	.....	390	19
1854	80	6	7	1	.....	.....	55	9	.....	19	4	92	30.00	.....	400	21
1855	90	1	5	.....	.....	.....	61	2	.....	44	1	92	30.00	.....	450	22
1856	86	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	62	4	.....	33	1	86	105.70	.....	430	26
1857	73	4	3	2	.....	2	65	11	.....	80	1	97	77.00	.....	365	24
1858	83	3	.....	3	.....	3	62	3	.....	97	1	97	40.00	.....	415	24
1859	80	5	.....	2	.....	.....	64	11	.....	110	1	114	60.00	.....	400	30
1860	80	1	2	.....	.....	1	66	3	.....	110	1	110	145.00	.....	400	34
1861	80	1	.....	1	.....	3	63	7	.....	110	1	180	170.85	.....	400	33
1862	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1863	100	1	3	.....	.....	1	63	4	.....	89	1	69	45.45	\$478.00	.....	20
1864	100	3	1	.....	.....	2	65	4	.....	.....	1	70	.....	.....	.....	24
1865	100	2	1	1	.....	1	66	8	.....	.....	1	70	75.00	565.00	.....	.....
1866	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	7	.....	.....	1	62	68.00	650.00	.....	.....
1867	100	3	1	2	.....	2	70	3	.....	.....	1	70	45.00	670.00	.....	.....
1868	62	2	2	2	.....	.....	70	6	.....	.....	1	48	111.00	735.00	.....	.....
1869	65	6	3	.....	.....	1	50	7	.....	.....	1	60	26.00	583.00	.....	.....
1870	45	3	1	3	.....	.....	53	13	.....	.....	1	60	95.65	858.00	.....	.....
1871	46	6	.....	5	.....	1	53	3	1	.....	1	60	89.28	1,037.50	.....	.....

Year.	Families.	On Confession.	Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants Baptized.	Adults.	Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	S. Schools.	Enrollment.	Benevolence.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational Purposes.
1872	46	2	2	1	.....	2	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	60	\$134.62	.....	.....	\$724.14
1873	46	10	1	.....	.....	6	61	11	4	.....	.....	1	100	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00
1874	65	5	.....	.....	.....	9	66	3	2	.....	30	1	60	50.00	.....	.....	1,200.00
1875	75	3	.....	.....	.....	6	70	3	.....	.....	26	2	175	76.00	.....	.....	860.00
1876	65	19	1	.....	.....	10	92	3	8	.....	30	2	150	.....	.....	.....	.....
1877	79	1	.....	.....	.....	9	93	5	1	.....	40	2	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
1878	50	1	2	2	.....	9	93	5	1	.....	.....	2	100	23.00	.....	.....	400.87
1879	57	.....	1	.....	.....	2	87	4	.....	.....	.....	2	80	35.36	.....	.....	1,000.31
1880	57	2	6	2	.....	92	92	3	.....	.....	.....	2	110	.....	.....	.....	1,075.21
1881	57	4	1	.....	.....	3	94	2	2	.....	.....	2	110	.....	\$72.35	.....	914.13
1882	58	5	7	1	.....	3	102	4	1	50	.....	2	110	.....	\$72.35	.....	914.13
1883	57	2	1	1	.....	1	103	.....	.....	49	.....	2	110	.....	101.83	.....	1,477.09
1884	57	3	.....	2	.....	104	104	10	.....	59	.....	2	110	.....	115.84	.....	1,170.00
1885	48	23	1	1	.....	125	125	4	7	70	.....	2	110	.....	158.00	.....	564.00
1886	49	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	85	.....	62.32	.....	862.65
1887	41	5	.....	1	.....	3	79	3	1	.....	.....	2	95	.....	51.67	.....	754.10
1888	45	1	1	4	.....	2	79	1	1	117	.....	2	90	.....	32.00	.....	704.00
1889	48	13	1	2	.....	1	93	9	9	121	5	2	130	.....	212.25	.....	902.11
1890	48	5	6	2	.....	99	99	2	2	120	.....	2	106	.....	170.70	.....	1,061.85
1891	49	11	1	1	.....	1	100	6	6	122	.....	2	130	.....	187.32	.....	1,187.75
1892	48	5	1	3	.....	5	106	4	3	118	.....	1	100	.....	208.62	.....	1,173.40
1893	48	2	1	3	1	2	100	10	.....	.....	.....	1	90	.....	203.45	.....	1,287.66
1894	45	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	1	.....	.....	1	80	.....	\$13.96	.....	1,211.71
1895	40	3	1	8	.....	2	91	3	1	.....	.....	1	80	.....	158.86	.....	982.82
1896	40	7	1	3	.....	2	94	2	2	.....	.....	2	110	.....	109.07	24.90	982.82
1897	40	2	.....	4	1	.....	91	4	2	.....	.....	2	110	.....	113.74	39.81	1,074.88
1898	40	3	.....	1	.....	3	90	5	1	.....	.....	2	110	.....	114.66	58.83	1,008.85
1899	40	4	.....	3	.....	1	90	3	2	.....	.....	2	110	.....	110.68	72.18	1,001.55
1900	40	3	.....	.....	3	.....	90	2	.....	100	.....	2	110	.....	115.22	29.81	1,391.74
1901	40	9	.....	.....	.....	2	92	2	4	.....	100	2	135	.....	111.15	32.15	1,208.11
1902	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	87	.....	.....	135	.....	2	135	.....	121.47	109.81	984.77
															85.18	159.35	1,733.41

# LIST OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH OF PREAKNESS, N. J.

	1801.	Deacons.
Elders.		
Nicausey Kip.		
David Dey (?)		
John Van Winkle.		
	1802.	
Nicausey Kip.		
David Dey (?)		
John Van Winkle.		
	1803.	
John Van Winkle.		
Samuel Van Saun.		
	1804.	
John Van Winkle.		
	1805.	
John Van Winkle.		
Cornelius Marselis.		
	1806.	
John Van Winkle.		
Isaac Van Saun.		
	1807.	
John Van Winkle.		
Isaac Van Saun.		
David Hennion.		

NOTE.—It is impossible to make out a *complete* list of the Elders and Deacons of this church for the dates before 1842. The partial list that we have up to that time is about correct as far as it goes; and we are pretty sure of many others, but are not certain, and have therefore *not* mentioned them. The names we have given may be found in the Classical and Synodical Minutes, and on various old church papers. From 1818 to 1838 inclusive, the accounts of John G. Doremus, Treasurer, are in a good state of preservation, and in these accounts evidently are the names of those who were in the Consistory for that period; but, except in a few instances, it is not stated whether they were elders or deacons; while some persons may be mentioned who were neither. Of all these we give only the names of those who are specified as either one or the other. John G. Doremus himself must have been in the Consistory all the time he was treasurer,—a deacon first, and afterward an elder; but when he was chosen Elder we cannot tell. No doubt, too, most of those elected to their positions, particularly in the Eldership, served continuously between the dates we find them named, and until or near their death.

From 1842 to 1902, inclusive, the list is almost complete. There were probably *vacancies* at the time when the full numbers are not given, or the lack in some instances may be due simply to omission to record,—we do not know. The month of the year in which the terms of these officers commenced or closed, we have not indicated, except in few cases, as in most instances there is no information on the subject.



John Van Winkle. Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Merselis. William Tearman. Cornelius Kip.	1808.	Thomas I. Hennion. David I. Hennion. James Ackerman. Hannes J. Hannion.
John Van Winkle. Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Kip.	1809.	
Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Kip.	1810.	
Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Kip. Cornelius Merselis. Tunis I. Hennion.	1811.	Nicholas Kip. Jacob Polhemus. Rem Onderdunk.
Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Kip. Cornelius Marselis.	1812.	
Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Kip.	1813.	
Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Kip. John Van Winkle.	1814.	
Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Kip.	1815.	
John Van Winkle. Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Marselis. Peter Voorhees.	1816.	
John Van Winkle. Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Merselis. Peter Voorhees.	1817.	
Uriah Van Ripper.	1818.	John G. Doremus.
David D. Demarest.	1820.	
Jacob Polhemus.	1821.	
Rem Onderdonk.	1822.	
Cornelius Kip.	1823.	
Isaac Van Saun. Cornelius Kip. Jacob J. Berdan.	1824.	
Isaac Van Saun.	1825.	Jacob A. Berdan. Jeremiah Ryerson. James Young. Garret Merselis.

John Van Winkle.	1826.	Jacob A. Berdan. Jeremiah Ryerson. James Young. Garret Merselis.
Cornelius Kip.	1827.	
Jacob Berdan.	1828.	
Uriah Van Riper.	1833.	
Minard Mabee.	1835.	
Minard Mabee.	1836.	
John G. Doremus.	1839.	
John G. Doremus.	1840.	
John G. Doremus.	1841.	
John G. Doremus. Garret Marselis.	1842.	Martin Van Winkle. John G. R. Van Winkle. Jacob B. Van Riper. Francis Hendrick.
John G. Doremus. Garret Merselis. Martin H. Berry.	1843.	Martin Van Winkle. John G. R. Van Winkle. Jacob B. Van Riper. Francis Hendrick.
John G. Doremus. Martin H. Berry. Myndert Maybe.	1844.	Martin Van Winkle. John G. R. Van Winkle. Jacob B. Van Riper.
John G. Doremus. Martin H. Berry. Myndert Maybe. David D. Demarest.	1845.	Martin Van Winkle. John G. R. Van Winkle. J. A. Berdan. Uriah J. Van Riper.
John G. Doremus. David D. Demarest. Jacob Berdan. Jeremiah Ryerson.	1846-9.	Martin Van Winkle. John G. R. Van Winkle. J. A. Berdan. Uriah J. Van Riper.
John G. Doremus. Jacob Berdan. Jeremiah Ryerson. Martin H. Berry.	1850-1.	Martin Van Winkle. J. A. Berdan. Uriah J. Van Riper. David Tompkins.
John G. Doremus. Jeremiah Ryerson. Jacob B. Van Riper. Nicholas Jones.	1852-3.	Martin Van Winkle. Uriah J. Van Riper. David Tompkins. John Staggs, Jr.
Jeremiah Ryerson. Jacob B. Van Riper. Nicholas Jones. John G. R. Van Winkle.	1854-8.	Uriah J. Van Riper.
Nicholas Jones.		

John G. R. Van Winkle. Resigned June 14, 1858. William Sickles. David Tomkins.		John Stagg, Jr. Peter G. Merselis. Edo Van Saun.
Nicholas Jones. William Sickles. David Tomkins.	1859-60.	Uriah J. Van Riper. John Stagg, Jr. Peter G. Merselis. Edo Van Saun.
William Sickles.	1861.	Uriah J. Van Riper. John Stagg, Jr. Peter G. Merselis. Edo Van Saun.
William Sickles. John Stagg, Jr.	1862.	Uriah J. Van Riper. Peter G. Merselis. Edo Van Saun. Jacob R. Berdan.
John Stagg, Jr. John I. Traphagen. Edo Van Saun.	1863-6.	Uriah J. Van Riper. Peter G. Merselis. Jacob R. Berdan. John Van Winkle.
John Stagg, Jr. John I. Traphagen. Uriah J. Van Riper.	1867-9.	Peter G. Merselis. Jacob R. Berdan. John Van Winkle. Jeremiah R. Berdan.
John I. Traphagen. Uriah J. Van Riper. Peter G. Merselis. Warren Mitchell.	1870.	Jacob R. Berdan. Jeremiah R. Berdan. James D. Berdan. Charles H. Musk.
John I. Traphagen. Uriah J. Van Riper. Peter G. Merselis. Warren Mitchell.	1871.	Jacob R. Berdan. Andrew Van Riper.
Uriah J. Van Riper. Peter G. Merselis. Andrew Van Riper (from June).	1872.	Jacob R. Berdan (to June). Albert Bensen. Andrew Van Riper (to June).
Uriah J. Van Riper. Peter G. Merselis. Andrew Van Riper. David Demarest (June, '73).	1873-5.	Jeremiah R. Berdan. Albert Bensen (June, '73). David Bensen (June, '73). James D. Berdan (June, '73).
Peter G. Merselis. Andrew Van Riper. David Demarest. Jeremiah R. Berdan.	1876-7.	Albert Bensen. David Bensen. James D. Berdan. John G. Merselis.
Peter G. Merselis. David Demarest. Jeremiah R. Berdan. Uriah J. Van Riper.	1878-9.	Albert Bensen. David Bensen. James D. Berdan. John G. Merselis.
Peter G. Merselis. David Demarest.	1880.	James D. Berdan. John G. Merselis.

David Bensen.  
Albert Bensen.

Peter G. Merselis.  
David Bensen.  
Albert Bensen.  
Albert Terhune.

Peter G. Merselis.  
David Bensen.  
Albert Bensen.  
Jacob R. Berdan.

Peter G. Merselis.  
David Bensen.  
Albert Bensen.  
Jacob R. Berdan.

Peter G. Merselis.  
David Bensen.  
Albert Bensen.  
Jacob R. Berdan.

Albert Bensen.  
Jacob R. Berdan.  
John G. Merselis.  
William Cahill.

Jacob R. Berdan.  
John G. Merselis.  
William Cahill.  
J. Frank Day.

Jacob R. Berdan.  
John G. Merselis.  
William Cahill.  
J. Frank Day.

Jacob R. Berdan.  
John G. Merselis.  
Richard D. Bensen.  
G. F. Merselis.

Jacob R. Berdan.  
John G. Merselis.  
Richard D. Bensen.  
G. F. Merselis.

Jacob R. Berdan.  
John G. Merselis.  
Richard D. Bensen.  
G. F. Merselis.

Jacob R. Berdan.  
John G. Merselis.  
Richard D. Bensen.  
G. F. Merselis.

Jacob R. Berdan.  
John G. Merselis.  
G. F. Merselis.

Peter D. Smith.  
Richard D. Bensen.

1881. James D. Berdan.  
John G. Merselis.  
Peter D. Smith.  
Richard D. Bensen.

1882. James D. Berdan.  
John G. Merselis.  
Peter D. Smith.  
Richard D. Bensen.

1883-7. John G. Merselis.  
Peter D. Smith (D. Feb. 6, '87).  
Richard D. Bensen.  
William Cahill.

1888. John G. Merselis.  
Richard D. Bensen.  
William Cahill.  
J. F. Day (April).

1889. Richard D. Bensen.  
J. Frank Day.  
Hezekiah Braddock.  
Augustus Mowel.

1890. Richard D. Bensen.  
Hezekiah Braddock.  
Augustus Mowel.  
G. F. Merselis.

1891. Richard D. Bensen.  
Hezekiah Braddock.  
G. F. Merselis.  
J. W. Doremus.

1892. Hezekiah Braddock.  
J. W. Doremus.  
James D. Berdan.  
Albert D. Bensen, Jr.

1893. Hezekiah Braddock.  
James D. Berdan.  
A. D. Bensen, Jr.  
John D. Merselis.

1894-6. A. D. Bensen, Jr.  
John D. Merselis.  
F. T. Torbet.  
A. Mowel.

1897-9. A. D. Bensen, Jr.  
John D. Merselis.  
F. T. Torbet.  
J. W. Doremus.

1900. A. D. Bensen, Jr.  
John D. Merselis.  
F. T. Torbet.

Albert Bensen, Sr.		J. W. Doremus.
	1901.	
Jacob R. Berdan (D. Mch. 6).		John D. Merselis.
G. F. Merselis.		F. T. Torbet.
Albert Bensen, Sr.		A. Laauwe.
A. D. Bensen, Jr.		Albert Berdan.
	1902.	
G. F. Merselis.		F. T. Torbet.
Albert Bensen, Sr.		A. Laauwe.
A. D. Bensen, Jr.		Albert Berdan.
John D. Merselis.		J. W. Doremus.

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### TREASURERS OF THE CHURCH.

John Van Winkle, probably from organization of Church until 1805, and no doubt later.

Cornelius Merselis, 1811, as well as some time perhaps both before and after.

John G. Doremus, 1818-1838, and most likely until 1844.

Uriah J. Van Riper, 1845-58, and also in 1865.

John Stagg, Jr., 1860.

Peter G. Merselis, 1867.

Charles H. Musk, 1869.

Jacob R. Berdan, 1872.

David Bensen, 1873-8.

John G. Merselis, 1879.

Richard D. Bensen, 1882-6.

Albert Bensen, Sr., 1888.

J. F. Day, Mch. 25, 1889, Apr., 1892.

Jacob R. Berdan, Apr., 1892, to Apr., 1893.

G. F. Merselis, Apr., 1893, Apr., 1894.

A: Mowel, Apr., 1894-5.

John D. Merseles, Apr., 1895, to 1902.

NOTE.—We name these to the best of our ability.

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### CORRECTED MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

#### ABBREVIATIONS.

A—indicates Absence or non-residence.

B—indicates the Baptism of the person at the time of reception.

C—indicates admission by Certificate from some other church.

D—indicates that the person has Died.

L—indicates that a Letter of dismission to some other church has been given.

P—indicates admission by Profession of faith.

U—indicates residence Unknown.

Z—indicates members received presumably by Domine Kuypers.

The last two numbers indicating years refer to dates in the 19th Century, as '68 or '77, for 1868 or 1877. We have not indicated suspensions.

Jeremiah Ryerson, Z; D.

Mrs. Jeremiah Ryerson, Rachel Van Saun, Z; D.

Mrs. Jasper Dodd, Leah Kip, Z; D Nov. 21, 1851.

John G. R. Van Winkle, Z; L First Totowa Church, June 14, 1858.

Mrs. John G. R. Van Winkle, Margaret Van Riper, Z; L First Totowa Church, June 14, 1858.

Martin H. Berry, Z; D Dec. 29, 1857.

Mrs. Martin H. Berry, Rachel Kip, Z; D Feb. 23, 1859.

Mrs. George G. Doremus, Wilelmina Onderdonk, Z; D Oct. 18, 1850.

David D. Demarest, Z; L Second Totowa Church, Sept. 2, 1847.

Jacob Berdan, Esqr., Z; Seceded March, 1851.

Martin Van Winkle, Z; D Apr. 10, 1857.

John G. Doremus, Z; D Jan. 19, 1853.

Mrs. John G. Doremus, Mary Ann Zecht, Z; D.

Mrs. Martinus Hogencamp, Margaret ———, Z; D Nov., 1845.

Mrs. John Van Saun, Mary Ann Doremus, Z; D.

Henry Cooper, Z; D May 22, 1844.

Francis Hendricks, Z; L First Totowa Church, Mch. 8, 1847.

Mrs. Francis Hendricks, Ann Cooper, Z; L First Totowa Ch., Mch. 8, 1847.

Mrs. Garret Merselis, Ellen De Gray, Z; D Apr. 20, 1848.

Harriet Merselis, Z; D Dec., 1860.

Myndert Maby, Z; D Oct. 12, 1852.

Mrs. Peter De Witt, Elizabeth Van Riper, Z; D Dec. 27, 1850.

Jacob A. Berdan, Z; D.

Mrs. Jacob A. Berdan, Catharine Demarest, Z; D Nov. 23, 1857.

Jacob B. Van Riper, Z; D Dec. 1, 1856.

Mrs. Jacob B. Van Riper, Mary Van Riper, Z; D.

Mrs. D. Demarest, Jr., Maria Powelson, P Feb. 3, '44; L First Totowa Church, Aug. 30, '57.

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NOTE.—We give these names in the order in which they are recorded. The names of married women, no matter when married, are presented as such, their maiden names, when known, immediately following. No membership roll of this church was in existence when Domine Staats assumed charge in 1843, and the first 26 names given here were recorded as rendered to him Nov. 1, of that year.

- Mrs. D. D. Demarest, Catharine ———, C Feb., '44, Pompton;  
L Sept. 2, '47, Second Totowa Ch.
- Uriah J. Van Riper, C Feb. 3, '44; Acquackanonk; D Feb. 19, '79.
- Mrs. Uriah J. Van Riper, Anna Banta, C Feb. 3, '44, Acquackanonk;  
D Feb. 5, '92.
- Mrs. G. P. Herring, (or Haring), Jane Maby, P May 3, '44; D  
May 29, '50.
- Mrs. Henry Hopper, Hannah Packer, P May 3, '44; D.
- Mrs. Isaac Van Derhoff, Elizabeth Shuart, P May 3, '44; D.
- Mrs. R. J. Berdan, Elizabeth Ryerson, P May 3, '44; D.
- Rebecca Berdan, P May 3, '44; L Second Totowa Ch., Dec. 29, '82;  
D July 28, 1900; daughter of Jacob A. Berdan.
- Mrs. A. P. Staats, Jane Tyson, C May, '44, Clintonville; L.
- Mrs. John A. Staats, Elizabeth Acken, C Jan., '45, Pres. Ch. New  
Brunswick, N. J.; L.
- Mrs. William Howard, ———, P Sept., '45; L Montville Ch.  
Nicholas Jones, C Sept. 3, '46, Pompton; D Sept. 15, '60.
- Mrs. Nicholas Jones, Hannah Johnson, C Sept. 3, '46, Pompton;  
D Jan. 13, '60.
- Jacob V. R. De Witt, P Sept. 2, '47; L Ch. on 7th Ave., N. Y.  
City, Feb. 21, '53.
- Mrs. Martin Van Winkle, Elmina Jacobus, P Aug. 31, '48; L First  
Totowa, Feb. 10, '59.
- Alexander Milna, C Aug. 31, '48, Ponds; D June 7, '53.
- Mrs. Alexander Milna, Mary ———, C Aug. 31, '48, Ponds;  
D July 8, '52.
- David Tomkins, C R. P. D. Ch. on 21st St., N. Y. City, May 3,  
'49; L Pres. Ch., Rockaway, N. J., Sept. 29, '61.
- Mrs. David Tomkins, Harriet Canfield, C L, same as above.
- Mrs. John I. King, Sarah Ann Tomkins, C L, same as above.
- Mary Caroline Tomkins, C L, same as above.
- Mrs. John Redner, Catharine Packer, P May 3, '49; L First  
Totowa, Aug. 30, '57.
- Mrs. Cornelius Kip, Leah Ann Van Riper, P May 3, '49; D.
- John Stagg, Jr., P Jan. 2, '51; D Nov. 18, '71.
- Robert Martin, P Jan. 2, '51; D Feb. 25, '82.
- Alexander Beattie, P Jan. 2, '51; L Ch. Montgomery, Orange Co.,  
N. Y.
- Mrs. Samuel Hall, Louisa Minns, P Jan. 2, '51.
- Mrs. George C. Tomkins, Maria Hegeman, C Jan. 5, '51, Ch. 21st  
St., N. Y. City; D.

- Mrs. Andrew Van Riper, Bridget Hennion, P May 8, '51; D Feb. 28, '79.
- Dorcas Berdan, P May 8, '51.
- Peter A. Smith, C Sept. 4, '51, Pompton; D June 8, '63.
- Mrs. Peter A. Smith, Sarah Folly, C Sept. 4, '51; D July 5, '80.
- William Sickles, C Jan. 2, '52, Second Totowa Ch.; D July 7, '66.
- Mrs. William Sickles, Fanny Fowler, C Jan. 2, '52, Second Totowa Ch.; D Apr. 16, '71.
- Mrs. Garret Berdan, Rebecca Berdan, P Apr. 28, '53; D Feb. 22, '89.
- Mrs. John Stagg, Bridget Romaine, P Apr. 28, '53; D '77.
- Mrs. William M. Folly, Elizabeth Winter, P Apr. 28, '53; L July 5, '56, Livingston Refd Ch., N. Y. City.
- Mrs. Henry Daniels, Jannette Torbet, C First Totowa Ch., May 1, '53; D.
- Mrs. Robert Martin, Sarah Clark, C First Morristown (Pres.), Sept. 1, '53; D.
- Mrs. John Ryerson, Agnes Matilda Van Winkle, P Sept. 1, '53; L First Totowa, Feb. 10, '59.
- John I. Traphagen, C Sept. 4, '53, Second Totowa; D.
- Mrs. John I. Traphagen, Martha Sickles, C Sept. 4, '53, Second Totowa; D.
- Edo Van Saun, C Sept. 4, '53, Second Totowa; L Sept. 1, '66, First Totowa.
- Mrs. Edo Van Saun, Maria Traphagen, C Sept. 4, '53, Second Totowa; D.
- Peter G. Merselis, C Sept. 4, '53; Second Totowa; D Aug. 30, '91.
- Mrs. Peter G. Merselis, Ellen Sickles, C Sept. 4, '53, Second Totowa; D Nov. 8, '87.
- Mrs. Nicholas Jorolemon, Mary Elizabeth Van Riper, P Jan. 8, '54; L Nov. 2, '56, Belleville; D.
- Mrs. Cornelius R. Jacobus, Ann Hopper, P Sept. 3, '54; D Jan. 28, 1902.
- Mrs. Lavinius Lefebre, Josina Burting, C Refd Ch. in Holland, Jan. 7, '55.
- Abraham C. Lefebre, C Refd Ch. in Holland, Jan. 7, '55; A.
- Mrs. Abraham C. Lefebre, Catharine Wisse, C, same as above.
- Abraham Wisse, C, same as above.
- Mrs. Abraham Wisse, Adrianna Bliggin, C same as above.
- Mrs. Henry Cuckaroo, Elizabeth Bayard, C Sept. 2, '55, Second Totowa; A.
- Jane Maria Demarest, P May 1, '56; L Aug. 30, '57, First Totowa.



- Mrs. Jacob R. Berdan, Maria Elizabeth Van Saun, P May 1, '56;  
L '73, Second Totowa.
- Rachel Ann Van Saun, C May 4, '56, Second Totowa; L Sept. 1,  
'66, First Totowa.
- Mrs. Richard F. Ryerson, Mary Post, C May 11, '56, Second  
Totowa; D.
- Mrs. Daniel Ackerman, Elizabeth ———, P Sept. 7, '56; D  
Dec. 16, '56.
- Mrs. Isaac Fredericks, Sarah Margaret Stagg, P Jan. 2, '57; L  
Nov. 30, '71, M. E. Church, Totowa, Paterson Ave.
- Sidney Phoenix, C Jan. 4, '57, Pres. Ch., Harlem, N. Y.; L.
- Mrs. Henry K. Berry, Maria Stagg, P Apr. 30, '57.
- Jacob R. Berdan, P Sept. 3, '57; L '73, Second Totowa.
- Mrs. William D. Doremus, Helen Ann Benson, P Jan. 1, '58; D  
Apr. 29, '92.
- David Shuart, P Apr. 29, '58; D.
- Mrs. David Shuart, Jane Hopper, P Apr. 29, '58; D.
- Mrs. James M. Demarest, Sarah Roome, P Apr. 29, '58; A.  
Henry Cuckaroo, P Sept. 9, '58, aged 85; D.
- Joseph H. Whitaker, P Dec. 28, '58; U.
- Mrs. William H. Hopper, Cornelia Stagg, P May 1, '59; A.
- Mrs. D. Demarest, Maria Powelson, C Dec. 29, '59, Second To-  
towa; D.
- Jane Maria Demarest, daughter of D. Demarest, C Dec. 29, '59,  
First Totowa; U.
- Ralph Smith, P Sept. 2, '60; L.
- Josephine Darcy, P May 2, '61.
- Mrs. Henry Woodley, Mary Ann Plumridge, P Aug. 29, '61; L  
Sept. 13, '67, Bergen.
- Mrs. John S. Hinchman, Maria Spear, P Aug. 29, '61; D Apr.  
30, '73.
- Mrs. Israel L. Tomkins, Letitia Varian, P Aug. 29, '61; D.
- Mrs. John I. Van Winkle, Abigail Youmans, P Aug. 29, '61; L  
Aug. 9, '69. Joined Congrel. Ch. Avon, Ill., Jan. 4, '78.
- Ann Eliza Fairbanks, P Aug. 29, '61; L June 24, '72, Pompton  
Plains.
- John M. Demarest, C Aug. 29, '61, Fairfield; D.
- John I. Van Winkle, P Sept. 4, '62; L Aug. 9, '69. Joined Congrel.  
Ch., Avon, Ill., Jan. 4, '78.
- Charles Musk, C Greenville M. E. Ch.; U.
- Mrs. Charles Musk, Mary Shannon, C same as above.

- Mary Ellen Musk, C, same as above.  
 John Hennion, C '63 (?); L Paterson.  
 Peter Demarest, P May 3, '63; L Wyckoff.  
 Mrs. Peter Demarest, Charity Elizabeth Youmens, P May 3, '63; U.  
 Mrs. Gerritt Planten, Catharine Perrine, P May 3, '63; D Aug. 25, '82.  
 Mrs. C. B. Durand, Sarah E. Mersereau, C Sept. 6, '63, Second Pres. Ch., Newark; L.  
 Mrs. P. J. Doremus, Maria F. Traphagen, P Sept. 4, '64.  
 Ermina Musk, P Jan. 1, '65; U.  
 Christina De Bow, C Jan. 7, '66; U.  
 Mrs. G. F. Merselis, Sarah Martha Jacobus, P Sept. 4, '66.  
 Jeremiah R. Berdan, P Sept. 4, '66; D Sept. 4, '94.  
 Mrs. Jeremiah R. Berdan, Ann Sophia Jacobus, P Sept. 4, '66; A.  
 Mrs. James E. Braine, C Apr. 3, '67; U.  
 John Hennion, C Jan. 3, '68, Piermont; L Aug. 8, '61, First Totowa.  
 James D. Berdan, P Apr. 19, '68.  
 Mrs. James D. Berdan, Mary Mead, P Apr. 19, '68; D Sept. 24, '70.  
 David Demarest, P Dec. 31, '68; U.  
 Warren Mitchell, C Dec. 31, '68, Second Ave. Refd Ch., Brooklyn; L May 31, '72.  
 Mrs. Warren Mitchell, Elizabeth Blain, C L, same as above.  
 Mrs. J. A. Jacobus, Lydia Mitchell, C Second Ave. Refd Ch., Brooklyn; L July 17, '70; M. E. Ch., Paterson.  
 Garret Berdan, P Jan. 3, '69; D June 15, '95.  
 Mary C. Nesmith, P Mch. 5, '69; D Mch. 16, '87.  
 Lucinda A. Mitchell, P Mch. 5, '69; L Aug. 28, '70, Chester, N. H.  
 Charles H. Musk, P Mch. 5, '69; L Dec. 4, '70, Grace M. E. Ch., Paterson.  
 Mrs. C. H. Post, Sarah Elizabeth Van Riper, P Dec. 5, '73.  
 Sophia Demarest, P Dec. 5, '73; L May 24, '90, First Totowa.  
 Mary Elizabeth Demarest, P Dec. 5, '73; L Dec. 2, '82, Stone House Plains.  
 Ella Bensen, P Dec. 5, '73.  
 Mrs. Henry T. Loundes, Charlotte M. ———, P Feb. 27, '74; D.  
 Jannet Allen, P Feb. 27, '74; D June 29, '81.  
 Richard D. Bensen, P B Dec. 2, '74.  
 Mrs. Henry I. Mead, Mary Neafie, P Dec. 4, '74; D Sept. 22, '76.

- Mrs. James D. Berdan, Mrs. Kate Baldwin, Kate De Bow, P B Dec. 4, '74.
- Mrs. R. D. Bensen, Annie Helena Ackerman, P Dec. 4, '74.
- Mrs. P. Hopper, Elizabeth Berdan, P Mch. 5, '75; L Nov. 26, '88, Second Totowa.
- John G. Merselis, P Mch. 3, '76; A.
- Mrs. John G. Merselis, Gertrude Van Blarcom, P Mch. 3, '76; A.
- Mrs. Martin H. Berry, Catharine Van Houten, P Mch. 3, '76.
- Mrs. Abraham L. Youmens, Mrs. Albert Smith, Ellen Romaine, P June 2, '76.
- Mrs. Peter C. Post, Jane Shannon, P June 2, '76; D Feb. 28, '91.
- Mrs. Hezekiah Braddock, Julia Sisco, P June 2, '76; L Apr. 16, '96, Calvary M. E. Ch., Paterson.
- Mrs. Garret Berdan, Harriet Magie, P June 2, '76; U.
- Emeline C. P. Tomkins, P Mch. 7, '69; D.
- Mrs. C. H. Musk, Mary Hennion, P June 4, '69; L Dec. 4, '70, Grace M. E. Ch., Paterson.
- Mrs. Richard Ryerson, Minerva ———, P June 4, '69; L Dec. 2, '70, Second Totowa.
- Robert B. Todd, P June 4, '69; U.
- Matilda Allen, C Mch. 6, '70; Third Pres. Ch., Brooklyn; D Apr. 23, '82.
- Charity Roat, daughter of W. O. Roat, P B Sept. 2, '70; D Apr. 18, '80.
- Andrew Van Riper, P Sept. 2, '70; D May 23, '81.
- Mrs. Andrew H. Van Riper, Rachel Perrine, P Dec. 2, '70.
- Rachel Ann Berry, P Mch. 17, '71.
- David Bensen, P Mch. 17, '71.
- Mrs. David Bensen, Jane Van Houten, P Mch. 17, '71.
- Henry Vail, C Sept. 1, '71, M. E. Ch., Little Falls; D Dec. 2, 1901.
- Mrs. Henry Vail, Leah Budd, C Sept. 1, '71, M. E. Ch., Little Falls.
- Albert Bensen, P Mch. 1, '72.
- Mrs. Albert Bensen, Sophia Stagg, P Mch. 1, '72.
- Mrs. A. P. Hopper, Mary Anna Van Riper, P May 30, '73.
- Mrs. A. A. Zabriskie, Augusta L. Arms, C May 30, '73, Refd Ch., Keyport, N. J.; L Aug. 1, '78, Franklin Furness, N. J.
- John Henry Van Riper, P Sept. 6, '73; D May 23, '93.
- Mrs. John Henry Van Riper, Emily Roome, P Sept. 6, '73; A.
- Mary Blain Nesmith, P Dec. 5, '73; L Dec. 3, '84, Pres. Ch., Newfoundland, N. J.
- Mrs. Peter Smith, Sarah Hammond, P June 2, '76; A.

- Mrs. C. Doremus, Margaret Ann Sisco, P June 2, '76; L Nov. 23, '88, Pompton.
- Mrs. John S. Post, Mary Anna Vail, P June 2, '76; L Apr. 26, 1902, First Totowa, Paterson.
- Charlotte Elizabeth Todd, P June 2, '76; L Mch. 31, '79; Pres. Ch., N. Y. City.
- Sarah Ogden, P June 2, '76; L Feb. 4, '88, Refd Ch., Belleville.
- Cornelius D. Bensen, P June 2, '76.
- John Staats Post, P June 2, '76; L Apr. 26, 1902, First Totowa, Paterson.
- Louis Räter, P June 2, '76; L Dec. 16, '85, Refd Ch., Paterson.
- Eli Merwin Todd, P June 2, '76; D.
- Peter D. Smith, P June 2, '76; D Feb. 6, '87.
- William Cahill, C June 2, '76, Pres. Ch., West Milford, N. J.; D Apr. 23, '91.
- Mrs. William Cahill, Eliza Payne, C June 2, '76, Pres. Ch., West Milford, N. J.
- Mrs. Isaac Metania, Nancy Catharine Clark, P Sept. 1, '76; D.
- Mrs. James E. Wiseman, Jane Ackerman, P Mch. 9, '77; D Jan. 17, '78.
- Mrs. David Thomson, Hester Ackerman, P Mch. 9, '77; D Jan. 23, '93.
- Mrs. David De Bow, Mary Van Way, P Mch. 9, '77; A.
- John W. Braddock, P Mch. 9, '77; L Feb. 23, '88, Second Totowa Ch.
- Cornelius Van Wagonen, C Refd Ch. Pompton, Mch. 1, '78; L Nov. 14, '79, First Pres. Ch., Bloomfield, N. J.
- Mrs. Cornelius Van Wagonen, Sarah Jacobus, C L, same as husband.
- Albert Bensen, Jr., P Mch. 1, '78.
- Mrs. Robert Perkins, Eliza Davison, C Presbyterian Ch., Second Bails'ebro, County Cawan, Ireland, Feb. 28, '79; A.
- Mrs. B. V. D. Wyckoff, Fannie Hazen Drew, C May 30, '79, Middlebush; L Mch. 24, '84, Readington, N. J.
- Albert Terhune, C P. Plains, Sept. 6, '79; L Apr. 25, '94, East Side Pres. Ch., Paterson.
- Mrs. Albert Terhune, Susan Mandeville, C L, same as husband.
- J. Frank Day, C Dec. 5, '79, Pres. Ch., Newfoundland, N. J.; L Apr. 14, '92, Lewis Ave. Congl Ch., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Mrs. J. Frank Day, Anna Eckhart, C L, same as husband.
- Mrs. N. Campbell, Jane Luckey, C 2nd Pres. Ch., Paterson, Dec. 5, '79; L Jan. 4, '88, Pres. Ch., Unionville, N. Y.

- Amelia Berdan, P Mch. 5, '80; L Nov. 26, '83, Second Refd Ch., Paterson.
- Martha Ann Whittaker, P Mch. 5, '80; L May 13, '91, Scotch Pres. Ch., Jersey City.
- Elizabeth Roat, P June 18, '80.
- Mrs. Harry Gibb, Josephine Weyman, P Dec. 3, '80.
- Catharine Helena Weyman, P Dec. 3, '80; A.
- Mary Ann Todd, P Mch. 6, '81; D.
- Mrs. J. M. Todd, Eliza P. Blake, C Pres. Ch., Waterford, N. Y., Mch. 7, '81.
- Mrs. James Ackerman, Sarah Miller, C Second Totowa, June 3, '81; D Mch. 20, '95.
- Mrs. A. Bensen, Jr., Kate Van Delinda, C Market St. M. E. Ch., Paterson, June 3, '81.
- Jacob S. Polhemus, P June 3, '81; L Nov. 3, '81, Refd Ch., Saddle River, N. J.
- Jennie Bensen, P June 3, '81; D Nov. 23, '91.
- Fannie Fowler Doremus, P June 3, '81.
- Minnie A. Littlefield, P June 3, '81; A.
- Jacob R. Berdan, C Second Totowa, Sept. 4, '81; D Mch. 6, 1901.
- Mrs. Jacob R. Berdan, Maria E. Van Saun, C Second Totowa, Sept. 4, '81.
- Mary L. Berdan, C Second Totowa, Sept. 4, '81; D Jan. 1, '98.
- Mrs. H. C. Post, Helen Terhune, C Second Totowa, Dec. 2, '81; D July 15, '86.
- Mrs. Wm. A. Winters, Charity Ann Bell, C First Totowa Ch., Dec., '81; A.
- Mrs. B. R. Sisco, Mary Ann S. Berry, P Mch. 3, '82; D Sept. 19, '87.
- Louisa Ethlen Vail, P Sept. 9, '82.
- Jacob S. Polhemus, C Refd Ch., Saddle River, Dec. 1, '82; L Dec. 16, '85, Lutheran Ch., Ramsey.
- Elizabeth Berdan, P Mch. 2, '83; L Feb. 13, '97, Irving Park Refd Ch., Chicago, Ill.
- Mrs. ——— Eichwalt, Karolina Krupsky, P Sept. 1, '83; D Mch. 2, '92.
- Wm. D. Doremus, P Dec. 7, '83; A.
- Herman Eichwalt, P Mch. 2, '84; A.
- Mrs. J. R. Verbrycke, Lizzie S. D. Easton, C Sept. 7, '84, First Refd Ch., New Brunswick; L Apr. 1, '87, Refd Ch., Piermont, N. Y.
- Mrs. E. C. Morse, Lizzie H. Doremus, P Dec. 7, '84; L May 19, '96, Pres. Ch. of the Redeemer, Paterson.

- Kitty A. Doremus, P Dec. 7, '84; L Nov. 23, '88, Refd Ch., Pompton.
- Mrs. John W. Braddock, Mary E. Downs, P Dec. 7, '84; L Feb. 23, '88, Second Totowa; D.
- Kate B. Vail, P Mch. 1, '85.
- Mrs. A. Mowel, Sarah B. Vail, P Mch. 1, '85.
- John D. Merselis, P Mch. 1, '85.
- Mrs. Benjamin C. Wooster, Mary Merselis, P Mch. 1, '85; L May 17, '94, Refd Ch., Ridgewood, N. J.
- Mrs. William Brown, Mary C. Cahill, P B Mch. 1, '85; A.
- Mrs. Henry Post, Lizzie C. Cahill, P B Mch. 1, '85; A.
- Clara Cahill, P B Mch. 1, '85; D Apr. 4, '98.
- Mrs. Joseph A. Roome, Lottie Cahill, P B Mch. 1, '85; L Jan. 30, '96, Congl. Ch., Shelton, Conn.
- Mrs. John D. Merselis, Libbie R. Berdan, P Mch. 1, '85.
- Mrs. J. W. Hinchman, Anna Bensen, P Mch. 1, '85.
- Mrs. Robt. S. Martin, Mary Bensen, P Mch. 1, '85.
- Richard Bensen, P Mch. 1, '85; L Apr. 25, '94, East Side Pres. Ch., Paterson.
- Herman Blumberg, P Mch. 1, '85; A.
- Abram J. Merselis, P Mch. 1, '85; L Mch. 2, '98, North Refd Ch., Passaic.
- Mrs. John Ackerman, Irene Kamp, P B Mch. 1, '85.
- Fredrick Berdan, P Mch. 1, '85.
- Charity A. Bensen, P B Mch. 1, '85.
- Martha S. Doremus, P Mch. 1, '85.
- Emma A. Winters, P Mch. 1, '85; L Nov. 20, '85 (?), Grace M. E. Ch., Paterson.
- George Braddock, P B Mch. 1, '85; A.
- Erminnie Martin, P B June 7, '85; D Feb. 24, '98.
- Mrs. A. C. Post, Lizzie Hudson, P B Sept. 5, '86.
- Jennie Galliland, P B Dec. 5, '86; U.
- Anna J. Terhune, P B Mch. 6, '87; L Apr. 25, '94, East Side Pres. Ch., Paterson.
- Mrs. Milton De Hart, Ella Terhune, P B Mch. 6, '87; L Apr. 25, '94, East Side Pres. Ch., Paterson.
- Mrs. Chas. W. Winters, Nellie Bensen, P B Mch. 6, '87; L Feb. 3, '99, Grace M. E. Ch., Paterson.
- Mrs. T. A. Beekman, Margaret A. Hamilton, C Mch. 4, '88, Refd Ch., Columbia, N. Y.; L Refd Ch., Central Bridge, Oct. 21, '99.

- Mrs. R. M. Post, Florence Neill, C Mch. 4, '88, First Pres. Ch., Paterson; L Apr. 15, '95, Calvary M. E. Ch., Paterson.
- Mrs. Fred Berdan, Fannie Irene Vail, P B Mch. 4, '88.
- Mrs. C. D. Bensen, Mary Jane Walling, C June 8, '88, Second Pres. Ch., Paterson.
- John C. Van Way, P June 8, '88.
- Mrs. Michee De Bow, Jennie Van Way, P June 8, '88.
- Augustus Mowel, P B June 8, '88.
- J. R. W. Doremus, P June 8, '88.
- Mrs. ——— Eckert, Mary Keator, L Nov. 18, '89, Refd Ch., Pompton Plains.
- Martha E. Van Riper, P Sept. 2, '88.
- Kittie Van Riper, P Sept. 2, '88.
- Maggie A. Van Riper, P Sept. 2, '88.
- Emma S. Cahill, P B Sept. 2, '88.
- Hezekiah Braddock, P Mch. 3, '89; L Apr. 16, '96, Calvary M. E. Ch., Paterson.
- Charlotte Kamp, P Mch. 3, '89.
- Mrs. Ira Roat, Mary F. Torbet, P B Mch. 3, '89.
- Frank T. Torbet, P B Mch. 3, '89.
- Mrs. C. K. Berry, Mary Bogert, C Nov. 29, '89, M. E. Ch., Little Falls.
- Mrs. H. M. Berdan, Elizabeth Berdan, C Second Totowa, Nov. 29, '89.
- Mrs. Geo. W. Labaw, Kate B. Mosher, C Nov. 29, '89, Refd Ch., Colt's Neck, N. J.
- Alfred L. Day, C Pres. Ch., Newfoundland, N. J., Nov. 29, '89; L Oct. 7, '91, Lewis Ave. Congl. Ch., Brooklyn.
- Mrs. Alfred L. Day, Augusta Allen, C L, same as husband.
- Mrs. James Roloson, Nettie De Witt, C Pres. Ch., Deckertown, N. J., Nov. 29, '89; A.
- Gilbert Fowler Merselis, P Feb. 28, '90.
- Walter Eli Cole, P Feb. 28, '90; A.
- Charles Fredk. Day, P Feb. 28, '90; L Apr. 14, '92, Lewis Ave. Congl. Ch., Brooklyn.
- Mrs. Theo. A. Snedeker, Frances M. Labaw, P B Feb. 28, '90; L Apr. 11, '95, Colt's Neck.
- Margaret Martin, "Daisy," P Mch. 2, '90.
- Mrs. Wm. Mowel, Jeanette Dickson, P May 30, '90; A.
- Lena Ellen Vail, P B May 30, '90.

- Grace Evelyn Wade, P May 30, '90; L June 10, '98, M. E. Ch.,  
Roseville, Newark.
- Mrs. Geo. W. Winters, Ella Howard, C May 30, '90, Fairfield.
- Annie Jackson, P June 1, '90.
- Mrs. N. Baird, Clara Benedict, P B Dec. 5, '90; A.
- William Lawrence Baird, P B Dec. 5, '90; A.
- Luther C. Hall, P Feb. 27, '91; A.
- Mrs. Mary Williamson, P Feb. 27, '91; D Jan. 16, '96.
- Mary Amelia Williamson, P B Feb. 27, '91; A.
- Mrs. Thos. H. Macdonald, Hester Berdan, P Mch. 1, '91.
- Ernest Austin Baird, P Mch. 1, '91; A.
- Rud Gue Mowel, P May 29, '91; L Nov. 27, '94, Hew. Smith Me-  
morial Pres. Ch., Newark.
- Albert Berdan, P May 29, '91.
- Jennie A. Cahill, P B Sept. 4, '91.
- Mrs. R. G. Mowel, May Alexander, C Sept. 4, '91, Christ Refd  
Ch., Newark; L Hew. Smith Memorial, Newark.
- Mrs. Milton H. Canfield, Nettie Tintle, P B Mch. 4, '92; L Sept.  
25, 1902, Pres. Ch., Caldwell.
- Robert Setcliff Martin, P B Mch. 4, '92.
- Mrs. James Bingham, Georgia Anna Wedlake, P Sept. 2, '92; L  
Mch. 1, '99, Broadway Refd Ch., Paterson.
- Emma E. Moore, C Dec. 2, '94, Pres. Ch., West Milford, N. J.; A.
- John Briggs, P Mch. 3, '93; A.
- Mrs. Frank W. Briggs, Emma Jane Sowarby, P Dec. 1, '93; A.
- Mrs. Edward Post, Pearl Evelyne Briggs, P B Dec. 1, '93; A.
- John Henry Prior, P Dec. 1, '93; A.
- Mabel Bensen, P Mch. 2, '94.
- Jacob Henry Sisco, P June 1, '94.
- John S. Hinchman, P Nov. 30, '94; D May 17, 1900.
- Mrs. Eugene White, Ida Kelley, P Nov. 30, '94.
- John W. Braddock, C Nov. 30, '94, Second Totowa.
- Garret G. Merselis, P Feb. 28, '96; A.
- Harry Van Blarcom Merselis, P Feb. 28, '96; A.
- William Smith, P Feb. 28, '96; A.
- Charles V. Berdan, P Feb. 28, '96.
- Minnie L. Bensen, P Feb. 28, '96.
- Isaac Cahill, P B Feb. 28, '96.
- Zollie Onde, P B Feb. 28, '96.
- A. Lindsey, C M. E. Ch., Stockholm, N. J., Feb. 28, '96; A.
- Mrs. J. Grundy, Hannah Potts, P B Mch. 5, '97.



Anna Grundy, P B Mch. 5, '97.  
 Elizabeth Grundy, P B Sept. 3, '97.  
 Ida Herfort, P Dec. 3, '97.  
 Frederick Snyder, P Mch. 4, '98.  
 Mrs. Charles S. Hinchman, Hannah M. Post, P B May 27, '98.  
 Mrs. Jesse Courter, Eva Hudson, P B May 27, '98; A.  
 Anna Eliza Hopper, P Dec. 2, '98.  
 Marietta Joralemon Post, P Dec. 2, '98.  
 Howard W. McConnell, P Dec. 1, '99; L Aug. 29, 1902, Central  
     M. E. Ch., Linwood, N. J.  
 Elsie L. Berdan, P Dec. 1, '99.  
 Martha M. Berdan, P Dec. 1, '99.  
 Ruth Birchenough, P B June 1, 1900.  
 Harry Birchenough, P B June 3, 1900.  
 Aaron Laauwe, P Aug. 31, 1900.  
 Mrs. Aaron Laauwe, Rachel Lavinia Weyman, P Aug. 31, 1900.  
 Mary Elizabeth Hinchman, P B Aug. 31, 1900.  
 Charlotte Hinchman, P B Aug. 31, 1900.  
 Lillian M. Halstead, C May 26, 1902, Memorial Pres. Ch., Newark.

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### BAPTISMS.

By Rev. Zechariah H. Kuypers, Pastor.

1831.

David Demarest, Jr., Maria Demarest, Apr. 25, '31, Jane Maria,  
 May 16, '31.

1833.

John Van Saun, Mary Ann Van Saun, May 25, '33, John, —.

John Folly, Letitia Folly, June 20, '33, Ellen, —.

Peter A. Smith, Sarah Smith, March 8, '33, Elizabeth, —.

1834.

Eli Emmons, —, Jan. 20, '34, John D., March 30, '34.

Peter Perrine, Martha Perrine, Dec. 21, '33, Rachel, Dec. 21, '34.

Andrew Van Ryper, Bridget Van Ryper, March 19, '34, Richard,  
 May 11, '34.

Francis Doremus, Maria Doremus, Sept. 21, '33, Cornelius, —.

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**NOTE.**—No Baptismal Records of this Church previous to 1831 are in existence. We give here first the names of the parents, then, in order, the date of birth, the name, and the date of baptism, of the child. All names are written and spelled as we find them recorded.

Jacob Van Ryper, Mary Van Ryper, June 16, '34, Mary Elizabeth, Aug. 3, '34.

Iddo Merselis, Elizabeth Merselis, Nov. 6, '34, Highly, Dec. 28, '34.

John Bound, —, Jan. 13, '34, Elizabeth, Oct. 7, '34.

1835.

Peter Quacembush, —, Aug. 15, '34, Elizabeth, Apr. 12, '35.

Martin Van Winkle, Elmina Van Winkle, July 4 '34, Agnes Matilda, —.

John Van Winkle, Margaret Van Winkle, Apr. 12, '35, Garret, May 24, '35.

George Doremus, —, Apr. 13, '35, George, June 13, '35.

1836.

Andrew Van Ryper, Bridget Van Ryper, Dec. 25, '35, Andrew, Apr. 3, '36.

John Folly, Letitia Folly, Jan. 5, '36, Elizabeth, Apr. 3, '36.

Jacob Spear, Maria Spear, Nov. 7, '35, Eliza Jane, Apr. 24, '36.

Peter Perrine, Martha Perrine, Sept. 4, '36, Catharine, Oct. 30, '36.

David Demarest, Maria Demarest, Aug. 29, '36, Abraham, Nov. 20, '36.

1837.

Francis Hendricks, Anna Hendricks, March 4, '37, Mary Elizabeth, July 30, '37.

1838.

Andrew Van Ripper, Bridget Hennion, Nov. 25, '37, Elizabeth Jane, Apr. 8, '38.

Peter Perrine, Martha Van Ripper, June 16, '38, Richard Van Ripper, Sept. 2, '38.

Francis Hendricks, Ann Cooper, Aug. 9, '38, Elijah Bawldin, Sept. 23, '38.

Peter De Witt, Harriet Spear, July 18, '38, Hannah Elizabeth, Sept. 24, '38.

John Folly, Lettie Bertulf, Apr. 9, '38, John Benjamin, Apr. 30, '38.

John Stagg, Jr., Bridget Romine, Aug. 27, '38, Sophiah, Dec. 16, '38.

1839.

David Demarest, Mariah Pawlison, June 16, '39, Peter, Aug. 4, '39.

Martin Van Winkle, Elmine Jacobus, Apr. 14, '39, Rachel Berry, Aug. 4, '39.

Jacob B. Spear, Mary Van Winkle, July 28, 39, Benjamin, Oct. 6, '39.

Peter Van Wagoner, Maria Berdan, Sept. 14, '39, Sarah Margaret, Nov. 17, '39.

Francis P. Doremus, Mariah Ryerson, Sept. 13, '38, Jeremiah, Nov. 17, '39.

1840.

Andrew Van Riper, Bridget Heneon, Sept. 9, '39, Sarah Matilda, May 3, '40.

Samuel D. Demerest, Aan Hogencamp, June 2, 1840, Aan Mariah, July 26, '40.

John Stagg, Jr., Bridget Romine, Apr. 1, 1840, John Ralph, Aug. 16, 1840.

1842.

By Rev. McGardes, (Rev. Wm. R. Bogardus (?)).

Francis Hendricks, Ann Cooper, Nov. 20, 1841, Martha Louese, June 27, '42.

John Stagg, Bridget Romine, July 25, 1841, James, June 27, '42.

By Rev. John Woods, S. S.

1843.

James Leah, Alice Leah, Apr. 24, 1842, Gabriel, Jan. 1, '43.

Samuel Haviland, Leah Haviland, July 5, '41, David Shuart, Jan. 1, '43.

Halmagh Van Houten, Caroline Berdan, Nov. 26, '42, Cathalina, Jan. 22, '43.

Richard Berdan, Elizabeth Berdan, Feb. 26, '43, Richard, May 28, '43.

By Rev. John A. Staats, Pastor.

George Doremus, Jane Doremus, Sept. 2, '43, Anna Maria, Nov. 5, '43.

1844.

Albert Voorhees, Mary Voorhees, Feb. 21, '44, Cornelius Schuyler, May 26, '44.

John Van Winkle, Abigail Van Winkle, Feb. 14, '44, John George Ryerson, May 26, '44.

1846.

David Demarest, Maria Demarest, Dec. 26, '44, Catharine Elizabeth, May 13, '46.

By Rev. Wm. J. Thompson.

John A. Staats, Elizabeth Staats, Jan. 30, '46, Abraham Du Bois, May 31, '46.

By Rev. John A. Staats, Pastor.

Uriah J. Van Riper, Anna Van Riper, June 10, '46, Richard, Aug. 16, '46.

1847.

Henry K. Berry, Maria Berry, March 28, '47, Rachel Ann, Sept. 2, '47.

By Rev. G. C. Schanck.

John A. Staats, Elizabeth Staats, June 22, '47, John Henry, Oct. 31, '47.

Jacob G. Berdan, Martha Berdan, July 15, '47, Garret, Oct. 31, '47.  
1848.

By Rev. John A. Staats, Pastor.

Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Sept. 4, '47, John, May 4, '48.

John Van Winkle, Abigail Van Winkle, —, Daniel, July 16, '48.

By Rev. S. A. Van Vranken, D.D.

James Jones, —, —, Nicholas, Sept. 10, '48.

1849.

By Rev. John A. Staats, Pastor.

Henry K. Berry, Maria Berry, Sept. 9, '48, Martin, Jan. 4, '49.

Jacob Duryee, Sarah Maria Duryee, Dec., '48, Jacob Henry, Feb. 18, '49.

Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Oct. 29, '48, Edward, May 3, '49.

Jacob G. Berdan, Martha Berdan, Feb. '49, William, May 3, '49.

Uriah J. Van Riper, Anna Van Riper, Jan. 23, '49, Marianna, May 27, '49.

Peter Ackerman, Rachel Ann Ackerman, Feb. 7, '49, Mary Elizabeth, June 10, '49.

1850.

Jacob Duryee, Sarah M. Duryee, Apr., '50, Mary Ann, June 2, '50.

John Stagg, Bridget Stagg, Dec. 28, '43, Benjamin, June 16, '50.

John Stagg, Bridget Stagg, Apr. 24, '45, Catharine, June 16, '50.

John Stagg, Bridget Stagg, July 11, '46, Jacob, June 16, '50.

John Jacobus, Bridget Jacobus, June 17, '49, John Anthony, June 16, '50.

1851.

Alexander Beattie (adult), Jan. 5, '51.

Samuel Hall, Louisa Hall, —, 1844, William Augustus, June 12, '51.

Peter I. Ackerman, Rachel Ann Ackerman, Dec. 17, '50, Francis Ryerson, May 25, '51.

Henry K. Berry, Maria Berry, March 1, '51, John Henry, June 22, '51.

Henry K. Berry, Maria Berry, March 1, '51, Christina Margaret, June 22, '51.

Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Apr. 5, '51, William Losey, Sept. 4, '51.

Jacob G. Berdan, Martha Berdan, May 26, '51, Albert, Sept. 14, '51.

Samuel Hall, Louisa Hall, Aug. 5, '51, Silas Henry, Nov. 8, '51.

1852.

John M. Van Winkle, Margaret Van Winkle, Sept. 15, '51, John Worthington, Jan. 15, '52.

Jacob Duryee, Sarah M. Duryee, Apr. —, '51, Daniel, Jan. 25, '52.

By Rev. G. C. Schanck.

John A. Staats, Elizabeth Staats, March 2, '52, Isabella Acken, Aug. 29, '52.

1853.

By Rev. John A. Staats, Pastor.

David Demarest, Maria Demarest, Dec., '51, Helen Lavinia, Apr. 28, '53.

Robert Martin, Sarah Martin, Jan. 3, '44, John C., June 5, '53.

Robert Martin, Sarah Martin, Feb. 16, '46, Sarah Ellen, June 5, '53.

Robert Martin, Sarah Martin, Aug. 17, '48, Mary Ann, June 5, '53.

Robert Martin, Sarah Martin, Nov. 13, '50, Elizabeth Staats, June 5, '53.

Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Jones, March 10, '53, Eleanor, Sept. 1, '53.

John G. Berdan, Martha Berdan, July 6, '53, John Hogencamp, Sept. 1, '53.

Aaron Von Splenter, —, —, Ellen, Sept. 1, '53.

Abram Hartough, —, '53, Hilah, Oct. 23, '53.

1854.

Daniel Ackerman, Elizabeth Ackerman, March 17, '54, Ira Sylvester, Oct. 1, '54.

1855.

Abram Le Febre, Catharine Le Febre, March 30, '54, Lavinia, Feb. 25, '55.

Jacob De Volga, —, Sept. 29, '54, John, Aug. 22, '55.

Jacob D. Hennion, Margaret Hennion, Jan. 14, '55, Elizabeth, June 10, '55.

Peter Ackerman, Rachel Ann Ackerman, Apr. 4, '55, Cornelius Doremus, July 15, '55.

Jeremiah R. Berdan, Sophia A. Berdan, March 19, '55, Elizabeth, Aug. 5, '55.

1856.

Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Jones, May 28, '55, Franklin, May 1, '56.

- Jacob G. Berdan, Martha Berdan, Nov. 28, '55, Charles Voorhees, May 1, '56.
- Abraham Le Febre, Catharine Le Febre, Oct. 22, '55, Abraham, May 11, '56.
- Samuel Hall, Louisa Hall, Jan. 31, '56, Ralph John Minns, June 8, '56.
- Jacob Romine, Margaret Romine, Sept. 10, '54, Giles Jacob, Sept. 21, '56.
- Jacob Romine, Margaret Romine, May 13, '56, Delia, Sept. 21, '56.
- Israel Tomkins, Letitia Tomkins, Nov. 19, '46, William Varian, Nov. 9, '56.
- Israel Tomkins, Letitia Tomkins, Aug. 18, '48, Emeline C. I., Nov. 9, '56.
- Israel Tomkins, Letitia Tomkins, Dec. 30, '50, Mary Caroline, Nov. 9, '56.
- Jacob D. Hennion, Margaret Hennion, Aug. 9, '56, William, Nov. 23, '56.
- David Ackerman, Elizabeth Ackerman, Dec. 12, '56, Martha Lavinia, Dec. 12, '56.
- 1857.
- Abraham Wesse, Harriet Wesse, Nov., '56, Harriet Mary, Apr. 19, '57.
- Abraham Le Febre, Catharine Le Febre, Dec. 17, '56, Sarah, Apr. 26, '57.
- Uriah J. Van Riper, Anna Van Riper, Jan. 23, '57, Sarah Elizabeth, July 5, '57.
- 1858.
- Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Aug. 26, '57, Mary Ida, Apr. 29, '58.
- John Ryerson, Matilda V. W. Ryerson, Nov. 28, '57, George Martin, May 30, '58.
- Jacob D. Hennion, Margaret Hennion, Aug. 29, '57, Rebecca Berdan, June 6, '58.
- Philetus Cough, Elizabeth Cough, May 14, '57, Joseph Harvey, Aug. 17, '58.
- Philetus Cough, Elizabeth Cough, Oct. 16, '50, Martha Ann Aken, Sept. 9, '58.
- Philetus Cough, Elizabeth Cough, July 16, '53, James Aken, Sept. 9, '58.
- James D. Berdan, Mary S. Berdan, June 23, '58, Harry Mead, Oct. 17, '58.
- Jacob R. Berdan, Maria Elizabeth Berdan, June 28, '58, Mary Louisa, Oct. 17, '58.

Garret Planten, Catharine Planten, June 1, '58, Herman, Oct. 31, '58.

Andrew Van Riper, Rachel Van Riper, Aug. 5, '58, Martha Elizabeth, Oct. 31, '58.

John Rike Vestae, Charity Vestae, July, '58, Albert Garret, Nov. 21, '58.

## 1859.

Jacob G. Berdan, Martha Berdan, Sept. 3, '58, Henry, Apr. 28, '59.

Abram Wesse, Adriana Wesse, April 9, '59, Abraham, Sept. 18, '59.

Abram Lefebre, Catharine Lefebre, July 7, '59, Lucina Maud, Oct. 2, '59.

## 1860.

Abram Demarest, Maria C. Demarest, Dec. 7, '59, Ida, May 10, '60. Jeremiah R. Berdan, Anna Sophia Berdan, Oct. 8, '59, Cornelius Irving, May 10, '60.

Jacob D. Hennion, Margaret Hennion, Oct. 3, '59, Albert Berdan, June 3, '60.

William H. Hopper, Cornelia Hopper, Oct. 5, '59, John Alvin, June 3, '60.

Andrew Van Riper, Rachel Van Riper, Dec. 25, '59, Peter Perrine, Aug. 30, '60.

John Van Winkle, Abigail Van Winkle, Sept. 17, '58, Helena, Aug. 30, '60.

## 1861.

Peter D. Smith, Sarah Smith, Nov. 26, '60, Abraham Hammond, May 2, '61.

Jacob R. Berdan, Maria E. Berdan, Feb. 10, '61, Elizabeth Ryerson, May 2, '61.

James D. Berdan, Mary C. Berdan, Nov. 27, '60, Mary Caroline, June 2, '61.

Abraham Lefebre, Catharine Lefebre, Feb. 14, '61, Elizabeth Staats, June 16, '61.

William H. Hopper, Cornelia Hopper, —, Henry Edmund, Aug. 29, '61.

Herman —, —, —, —, Hanna Louisa, Aug. 29, '61.

Samuel Hall, Louisa Hall, July 27, '61, Luther Columbus, Oct. 26, '61.

## 1862.

By Rev. C. B. Durand, Pastor.

Jacob Detueller, Cecillia Detueller, —, Laura Cecillia, July 7, '62.

Andrew H. Van Riper, Rachel Perrine, —, Garrett Planten, Sept. 4, '62.

Garrett Planten, Catharine Perrine, —, Peter, Sept. 4, '62.

Abraham Demarest, Maria C. Courter, —, Mary Sophia, Sept. 4, '62.

By Rev. J. F. Harris.

Ab. Messer, Harriett Bergrouf, Oct., '61, Anna Maria Mary Elizabeth, July 13, '62.

1863.

By Rev. C. B. Durand, Pastor.

Rike Stay, —, —, Peter Van Allen, May 3, '63.

Peter Demarest, Maria Youmans, Feb. 8, '53, Catherine Augusta, May 3, '63.

James Berdan, Mary Mead, Feb. 13, '63, Amelia, June 28, '63.

Jacob Detueller, Cecillia Detueller, Feb. 4, '63, Charles Henry, Aug. 26, '63.

1864.

Garrett Planten, Catherine Perrine, Jan. 8, '64, Petronella Rutgina, May 1, '64.

Richard Ryerson, Minerva Fitzgerald, May 7, '64, Jane, June 30, '64.

Peter Doremus, Maria Traphagen, —, John Traphagen, Dec. 15, '64.

Gilbert Mercellis, Martha Jacobus, May 31, '64, William Sickles, Dec. 15, '64.

Peter Demarest, Maria Youmans, Sept. 6, '64, David Demarest, Dec. 30, '64.

Ab. Demarest, Maria C. Courter, June 14, '64, Anna Mellissa, Dec. 30, '64.

1865.

Ab. Lefebre, Catherine Wesser, July 14, '64, Lucy Maria, Jan. 15, '65.

John Ackerman, Martha Ryerson, May 12, '53, Susan Maria, Feb. 9, '65.

By Rev. J. H. Duryea.

C. B. Durand, Sarah E. Mersereau, July 3, '64, Phebe Jane, May 5, '65.

By Rev. C. B. Durand, Pastor.

James Berdan, Mary Mead, Sept. 13, '64, Elizabeth, Sept. 3, '65.

Andrew Van Riper, Rachel Perrine, Apr. 4, '65, Kitty, Sept. 3, '65.

Peter Doremus, Maria Traphagen, Jan. 25, '65, Fanny Fowler, Sept. 3, '65.



Albert V. Meeks, Sarah A. Diehl, Dec. 16, '64, Edwin Joseph, Nov. 14, '65.

1867.

Rch. Berdan, Rachel Demarest, May 1, '64, Fanny, Jan. 7, '67.

Jeremiah Berdan, Sophia Jacobus, Aug. 14, '66, Anna Hopper, Jan. 7, '67.

Alex. Clark, Elspet Cruickshank, Nov. 21, '66, May Clark, March 3, '67.

Abraham Le Febre, Catherine Le Febre, Dec. 5, '66, Cafferenne, Sept. 23, '67.

James Berdan, Mary Mead, Feb. 6, '67, Fred, May 9, '67.

Gilbert Mercellis, Martha Jacobus, Apr. 30, '67, Peter, Sept. 5, '67.

Ab. Demarest, Maria Courter, Nov. 20, '66, James Irvin, Sept. 5, '67.

George Van Winkle, Hannah Jones, Apr. 28, '66, John, Sept. 15, '67.

1868.

Abraham Wesser, Harriet Bergrouf, Feb. 23, '67, John Abraham, Jan. 31, '68.

Peter Doremus, Maria Traphagen, Dec. 28, '67, Elizabeth Herring, Apr. 19, '68.

Andrew Van Riper, Rachel Perrine, Oct. 8, '67, Richard Perrine, Apr. 19, '68.

Albert Benson, Sophia Stagg, Dec. 28, '67, Mary, Apr. 19, '68.

George Berdan, Jane Jacobus, Sept. 18, '67, Charles Clinton, Apr. 19, '68.

1869.

By Rev. S. T. Cole, Pastor.

Albert V. Meeks, Sarah Ann Diehl, July 27, '68, Harold Albert, Jan. 13, '69.

Wm. H. Hopper, Cornelia Stagg, March 11, '68, Anna, Jan. 29, '69.

Jacob Stagg, Catharine A. Snyder, Nov. 6, '68, John Edwin, Jan. 29, '69.

James D. Berdan, Mary C. Mead, May 30, '69, Clarence, Aug. 31, '69.

Peter J. Doremus, Mariah F. Traphagen, Feb. 15, '68, Jacob R. Wortendyke, Aug. 31, '69.

By Rev. Jacob West.

S. T. Cole, Cornelia Perkins, Sept. 8, '68, Chester, Nov. 7, '69.

By Rev. S. T. Cole, Pastor.

Wm. T. Hayward, Catherine Jane Casterlin, Oct. 26, '69, Jennie Elizabeth, Dec. 21, '69.

1870.

- Albert Benson, Sophia Stagg, Sept. 3, '69, Richard, Jan. 11, '70.  
 Hannah M. Quackenbush, Sept. 28, '61, Elizabeth, Jan. 11, '70.  
 Charles H. Musk, Mary Hemion, Mch. 1, '65, Anna, Feb. 3, '70.  
 Charles H. Musk, Mary Hemion, May 29, '67, Charles, Feb. 3, '70.  
 Charles H. Musk, Mary Hemion, Sept. 10, '69, Mary Holmes, Feb. 3, '70.  
 John P. Dewitt, Margret Hellen Youmens, June 26, '66, Ida Matilda, Feb. 3, '70.  
 Abm. West, Adrianna Brinkerhoof, Oct. 9, '69, Levinas, Feb. 13, '70.  
 Abm. C. Lefever, Catherine West, Oct. 14, '68, Hattie Mary, Feb. 13, '70.  
 Isaac H. Motino, Nancy C. Clark, May 14, '69, Elmer Elsworth, Feb. 13, '70.  
 Gilbert Mercellis, Martha Jacobus, Oct. 26, '69, Abrm. Jacobus, June 3, '70.  
 John G. Mercellis, Gertrude Van Blarcom, March 16, '70, Mary, June 16, '70.  
 Peter J. Doremus, Maria F. Traphagen, Apr. 8, '70, Martha Sickles, Sept. 2, '70.  
 Wm. O. Roat, Margaret Van Riper, Dec. 25, '53, Charity, Sept. 2, '70.

1871.

- Jacob Stagg, Catharine A. Snyder, July 26, '70, Anna Dell, Dec. 28, '71.  
 Wm. Sisco, Elizabeth Freeland, July 7, '66, George, Dec. 28, '71.

1872.

- Albert V. Meeks, Sarah A. Diehl, Aug. 10, '71, Arthur Diehl, Jan. 25, '72.  
 Abm. Wesser, Adrianna Brinkerhoof, Nov. 4, '71, Edwin, July 28, '72.

1873.

By Rev. A. A. Zabriskie, Pastor.

- Abraham Demarest, Maria C. Courter, —, John Henry, May 30, '73.  
 Gilbert Merselis, Martha Jacobus, —, Garret Edwin, Feb. 13, '73.  
 Andrew Van Riper, Rachel Perrine, —, Maggie Andrus, Sept. 6, '73.  
 George Berdan, Jane Jacobus, —, Louis Ryerson, Sept. 6, '73.  
 Peter J. Doremus, Maria Traphagen, —, Wm. Sickles, Sept. 6, '73.

- Jacob Stagg, Catharine A. Snyder, —, Harry, —, '73.  
 William Hayward, —, —, William, —, '73.  
 Henry Vail, Leah Ellen Budd, —, Sarah Bridgeman, —, '73.  
 Henry Vail, Leah Ellen Budd, —, Kate Budd, —, '73.  
 John Merselis, Gertrude Van Blarcom, —, Carrie, Nov. 16, '73.  
 James P. Nesmith, Mary C. Blain, Nov. 20, '60, Mary Blain, Dec.  
 7, '73.  
 David Bensen, Jane Van Houten, Aug. 17, '52, Ella, Dec. 7, '73.  
 1874.  
 Richard Bensen, Anna Helena Ackerman, Sept. 26, '73, Nellie,  
 Feb. 27, '74.  
 Clinton W. Allen, Matilda C. Blain, Feb. 4, '57, Jennet, Mch. 1, '74.  
 David Bensen, Jane Van Houten, Oct. 7, '50, Richard, Dec. 2, '74.  
 Andrew Hopper, Mary Ann Van Riper, —, Uriah Van Riper, '74.  
 1875.  
 Andrew Hopper, Mary Ann Van Riper, —, Henry Ackerman,  
 Oct. 10, '75.  
 A. A. Zabriskie, Gussie L. Arms, July 6, '75, Jane Blauvelt, Oct.  
 10, '75.  
 James D. Berdan, Kate Baldwin, —, Albert, Oct. 10, '75.  
 Cornelius Doremus, Margaret Ann Sisco, —, Bernard Berry,  
 May, '75.  
 John Henry Van Riper, Emily Rome, —, Percy, May, '75.  
 1876.  
 Sisco, (Mrs. Hezekiah Braddock), adult, —, Julia, June, '76.  
 J. M. Todd, Eliza B. Todd, —, Charlotte Elizabeth, June, '76.  
 — Ogden, —, —, Sarah, June, '76.  
 David Bensen, Jane Van Houten, —, Cornelius, June, '76.  
 Peter Post, Amelia Jane Shannon, —, John Staats, June, '76.  
 J. M. Todd, Eliza B. Todd, —, Eli Merwin, June, '76.  
 Jeremiah R. Berdan, Sophia Jacobus, —, Richard, Sept. 1, '76.  
 James D. Berdan, Kate De Bow, Sept. 3, '75, Hester, Sept. 1, '76.  
 1877.  
 John Ackerman, Jane Ackerman, —, Jennie Wiseman, March 9,  
 '77.  
 John Ackerman, Jane Ackerman, —, Hester, March 9, '77.  
 William A. Braddock, —, —, John, March 9, '77.  
 Andrew Van Riper, Jr., Rachel Perrine, —, Annie, June, '77.  
 Robert Perkins, Eliza Davison, —, James, June 24, '77.  
 Charles Littlefield, —, —, Maria Maud, Sept. 30, '77.  
 Charles Littlefield, —, —, Ella Goss, Sept. 30, '77.

1878.

Andrew H. Hopper, Mary Anna Van Riper, Aug., '77, Ann Eliza, Feb. 24, '78.

David Bensen, Jane Van Houten, Dec. 16, '54, Albert, March 3, '78.

Henry Bodé, Ida Palm, Jan. 28, '78, George, March 24, '78.

By Rev. S. T. Cole.

Cornelius Post, Sarah E. Van Riper, Aug. 27, '78, Marietta Jorolomon, Nov. 3, '78.

1879.

By Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, Pastor.

John G. Merselis, Gertrude Van Blarcom, July 25, '78, Henry Van Blarcom, Jan. 12, '79.

John G. Merselis, Gertrude Van Blarcom, July 25, '78, Garrie, Jan. 12, '79.

Robert Perkins, Eliza Davison, Aug. 27, '78, Sarah Eliza, Feb. 27, '79.

Andrew Van Riper, Jr., Rachel Perrine, Oct. 9, '78, Bertha Jane, Sept. 6, '79.

Herman Eichwalt, Emma Louisa Hennion, Oct. 26, '79, Sarah Matilda, Nov. 16, '79.

Richard Bensen, Anna Helena Ackerman, May 28, '79, Mabel, Dec. 5, '79.

1880.

James D. Berdan, Kate De Bow, Nov. 11, '79, William Nelson, Apr. 11, '80.

W. Oakley Roat, Margaret Van Riper, Sept. 15, '46, Elizabeth, June 18, '80.

1881.

Andrew Hopper, Mary Anna Van Riper, Sept. 1, '80, Isaac A., Feb. 13, '81.

J. Mandeville Todd, Eliza P. Blake, Sept. 23, '64, Mary Ann, March 6, '81.

Louis Rater, Kittie Hennion, Feb. 10, '76, Ida, June 3, '81.

Louis Rater, Kittie Hennion, Dec. 23, '80, Harry, June 3, '81.

Daniel Van Wey, Ida M. Jordan, May 1, '80, Jennie Elizabeth, June 3, '81.

Albert Bensen, Kate Van Dalinda, Dec. 13, '80, Minnie L., June 3, '81.

David Bensen, Jane Van Houten, Aug. 17, '61, Jennie, June 3, '81.

1882.

James D. Berdan, Kate De Bow, Oct. 20, '81, Elsie Louisa, June 30, '82.

## 1883:

- B. V. D. Wyckoff, Fannie H. Drew, June 12, '82, Alice, June 1, '83;  
 Herman Eichwalt, Emma Louisa Hennion, Apr. 26, '82, Evelina,  
 Dec. 9, '83.  
 Herman Eichwalt, Emma Louisa Hennion, Jan. 29, '83, Edwin,  
 Dec. 9, '83.

## 1884:

- Henry C. Lewis, Chrissie M. Berry, Feb. 6, '81, John Berry, March  
 23, '84.  
 Martin H. Berry, Catharine A. Van 'Houten, Sept. 9, '84, Henry M.,  
 March 23, '84.  
 Albert Bensen, Kate Van Dalinda, Mch. 12, '83, David, March 23,  
 '84.  
 Garret Berdan, Harriet McGee, Sept. 28, '74, John, March 23, '84.  
 Garret Berdan, Harriet McGee, Oct. 18, '77, Charles V., March 23,  
 '84.  
 Garret Berdan, Harriet McGee, Oct. 13, '80, Bird, March 23, '84.  
 Garret Berdan, Harriet McGee, Oct. 13, '80, Larry, March 23, '84.

By Rev. J. R. Verbrycke, Pastor.

- John G. Merselis, Gertrude Van Blarcom, Dec. 8, '83, Ella Dema-  
 rest, Oct. 15, '84.  
 James D. Berdan, Kate De Bow, Dec. 24, '83, Martha Merselis,  
 Oct. 15, '84.  
 Louis Rater, Kate Hennion, Nov. 29, '82, Nellie, Nov. 27, '84.

## 1885:

- Walter E. Cole, Eliza J. Osborne, May 13, '83, Maud Viola, Feb.  
 10, '85.  
 William Cahill, Eliza Payne, Adult, Lizzie C., March 1, '85.  
 William Cahill, Eliza Payne, Adult, Clara, March 1, '85.  
 William Cahill, Eliza Payne, Adult, Mary C., March 1, '85.  
 William Cahill, Eliza Payne, Adult, Charlotte, March 1, '85.  
 Philip Kamp, Rachel A. Washburn, Adult, Irene, March 1, '85.  
 David Bensen, Jane Van Houten, Adult, Charity Ann, March 1,  
 '85.  
 William A. Braddock, —, Adult, George, March 1, '85.  
 Andrew Hopper, Mary Anna Van Riper, June 3, '84, Washington  
 Irving, Mch. 4, '85.  
 Robert Martin, Hester Sutliff, Adult, Erminie, June 7, '85.

## 1886:

- Albert Bensen, Kitty Vandalinda, March 7, '86, Jessie, Sept. 3, '86.

- Andrew Hopper, Mary Ann Van Riper, Feb. 11, '86, Mary Van Riper, Sept. 5, '86.  
 Lewis Burghard, Maggie E. Kipp, Aug. 11, '86, Edna Catherine, Sept. 5, '86.  
 Thomas Hudson, —, Adult, Lizzie, Sept. 5, '86.

1888.

By Rev. T. A. Beekman.

- Richard M. Post, Florence Neill, May 16, '83, Robert Neill, March 2, '88.  
 Henry Vail, Leah Ellen Budd, —, Fannie Irene, March 4, '88.  
 Albert Bensen, Kate Van Dalinda, July 31, '87, William, June 8, '88.  
 William H. Mowell, Janet Dickson, Adult, Augustus, June 10, '88.  
 Harry Gibb, Josephine Weyman, March 2, '88, John Henry Weyman, June 14, '88.  
 Daniel Van Way, Ida May Jordan, Aug. 26, '84, Susie, June 24, '88.  
 Cornelius D. Benson, Mary Jane Walling, Aug. 23, '87, S. R. Merrill, July 1, '88.  
 William Cahill, Eliza Payne, —, Emma S., Sept. 2, '88.  
 Daniel Van Way, Ida May Jordan, Apr. 17, '87, Sadie, June 24, '88.  
 David De Bow, Mary Van Way, Oct. 1, '85, Janie, Sept. 9, '88.  
 David De Bow, Mary Van Way, July 11, '88, John Edward, Sept. 9, '88.  
 Richard M. Post, Florence Neill, June 27, '86, Maggie Garrison, Oct. 7, '88.  
 James D. Berdan, Kate De Bow, Apr. 5, '88, Howard, Oct. 7, '88.

1889.

- William A. Braddock, Sara Hague, Adult, Hezekiah, March 3, '89.  
 Robert M. Torbet, Mary A. Tintle, Adult, Mary F., March 3, '89.  
 Robert M. Torbet, Mary A. Tintle, Adult, Frank T., March 3, '89.  
 Philip H. Kamp, Rachel A. Washburn, Adult, Charlotte, March 3, '89.

By Rev. Geo. W. Labaw, Pastor.

- Cornelius K. Berry, Mary Bogert, Jan. 17, '89, Maggie May, Nov. 29, '89.  
 Harry M. Berdan, Elizabeth Berdan, Mch. 10, '88, Helen Clinton, Nov. 29, '89.

1890.

- Robert Martin, Hester Sutliff, Adult, Margaret (Daisy), Mch. 2, '90.

Geo. W. Labaw, Kate B. Mosher, Feb. 14, '77, Frances Merikle (adopted), Mch. 2, '90.

Joseph Jackson, —, Adult, Annie, June 1, '90.

Henry Vail, Leah Ellen Budd, Adult, Lena Ellen, June 1, '90.

Albert D. Bensen, Kate Van Dalinda, June 17, '89, Albert Wesley, Sept. 5, '90.

Daniel Van Way, Ida M. Jordan, Aug. 4, '89, William, Sept. 5, '90.

Cornelius H. Post, Libbie Van Riper, Feb. 21, '86, Schuyler, Nov. 18, '90.

Cornelius H. Post, Libbie Van Riper, June 11, '90, Helen Anna, Nov. 18, '90.

Andrew P. Hopper, Mary Anna Van Riper, Jan. 15, '90, Helen Ackerman, Nov. 18, '90.

J. Frank Day, Annie Eckhart, Feb. 27, '89, Robert Earnest, Dec. 5, '90.

— Benedict, (Mrs. Nathaniel Baird), Clara, Dec. 7, '90.

Nathaniel Baird, Clara Benedict, Adult, William Lawrence, Dec. 7, '90.

#### 1891.

Nathaniel Baird, Clara Benedict, Adult, Ernest Austin, Mch. 1, '91.

— Williamson, Mary Williamson, Adult, Mary Amelia, Mch. 1, '91.

Harry M. Berdan, Elizabeth Berdan, Apr. 20, '90, Mary Mead, May 29, '91.

Wm. Cahill, Eliza Payne, Adult, Jennie A., Sept. 6, '91.

Augustus Mowel, Sarah B. Vail, Sept. 16, '91, Kate Budd, Dec. 27, '91.

#### 1892.

Wm. J. Kimble, Susie C. Fredericks, Feb. 18, '85, Lottie Whilemina, Mch. 4, '92.

A. E. Anderson, Susie C. Fredericks, Feb. 26, '90, James Linnden, Mch. 4, '92.

Thomas Tintle, Elizabeth Smith, Adult, Nettie, Mch. 6, '92.

Robert Martin, Hester Sutliff, Adult, Robert Sutliff, Mch. 6, '92.

George W. Winters, Ella Howard, Dec. 5, '88, Cora May, June 3, '92.

George W. Winters, Ella Howard, Sept. 20, '91, Mattie Howard, June 3, '92.

Harry M. Berdan, Elizabeth Berdan, Dec. 10, '91, Amelia, June 3, '92.

David De Bow, Mary Van Way, Mch. 16, '92, Ida May, Sept. 2, '92.

- Daniel Van Way, Ida May Jordan, Apr. 3, '92, Charles Herbert, Sept. 2, '92.  
 Frank W. Briggs, Emma Jane Sowarby, Oct. 10, '85, Maud May, Dec. 5, '92.  
 Frank W. Briggs, Emma Jane Sowarby, May 16, '87, Sarah Elizabeth, Dec. 5, '92.  
 Frank W. Briggs, Emma Jane Sowarby, Sept. 10, '89, May Alice, Dec. 5, '92.  
 Frank W. Briggs, Emma Jane Sowarby, Mch. 17, '90, Jennie Louise, Dec. 5, '92.  
 Frank W. Briggs, Emma Jane Sowarby, Nov. 18, '92, Ruth Ward, Dec. 5, '92.

## 1893.

- Walter Eli Cole, Eliza Jane Osborne, Nov. 9, '88, Blanche Estelle, May 29, '93.  
 Edwin Whitten Wedlake, Sarah Clifton Hall, Jan. 29, '93, Sarah Rebecca, Aug. 16, '93.  
 Augustus Mowel, Sarah B. Vail, Aug. 29, '93, Henry Vail, Dec. 1, '93.  
 Frank W. Briggs, Emma Jane Sowarby, Adult, Pearl Evelyne, Dec. 3, '93.

## 1894.

- Cornelius K. Berry, Mary Bogert, June 12, '93, Myrtle Rachel, Mch. 2, '94.  
 Mickee De Bow, Jane Van Way, June 29, '94, Annie, Aug. 31, '94.  
 John A. Bensen, Addie H. Gregory, May 12, '91, Elva M., Nov. 30, '94.  
 Charles Wesley Winters, Nellie Bensen, Apr. 29, '94, Edith L., Dec. 2, '94.  
 — Kelley, —, Adult, Ida, Dec. 2, '94.

## 1895.

- David De Bow, Mary Van Way, Aug. 8, '94, Herbert, May 31, '95.  
 George W. Winters, Ella Howard, July 22, '94, George Herbert, Nov. 29, '95.

## 1896.

- Cahill, —, Adult, Isaac, Mch. 1, '96.  
 — Onde, —, Adult, Sarah, Mch. 1, '96.  
 Augustus Mowel, Sarah B. Vail, Oct. 21, '95, Paul Deyo, June 5, '96.  
 Cornelius K. Berry, Mary Bogert, Feb. 25, '96, Lillie V., June 5, '96.



Daniel Van Way, Ida M. Jordan, Mch. 11, '95, Edith May, Sept. 4, '96.

1897.

—, Mrs. John Grundy, —, Hannah, Mch. 5, '97.

John Grundy, Hannah Grundy, Adult, Anna, Mch. 5, '97.

Frederick Fichter, Pauline Banerle, Mch. 28, '97, Emley, Nov. 24, '97.

Robert S. Martin, Mary Bensen, Aug. 17, '97, Ernest Bensen, Dec. 3, '97.

Henry Herfort, Pauline Hillmer, Oct. 6, '96, Herman John, Dec. 3, '97.

1898.

Fred Berdan, Fanny Irene Vail, Feb. 26, '98, Leah Ethlyn, May 27, '98.

Joseph W. Hinchman, Annie Bensen, Jan. 27, '98, Herbert Joseph, May 27, '98.

Adrian C. Post, —, Adult, Hannah M., May 29, '98.

Thomas Hudson, —, Adult, Eva, May 29, '98.

Alfred Wolpert, Frances Josten, May 13, '98, Anne Elizabeth, Aug. 21, '98.

1899.

Adrian C. Post, Jr., Lizzie Hudson, Feb. 23, '99, Harold Hudson, Sept. 1, '99.

Alfred Wolpert, Frances Josten, Oct. 2, '99, Louisa Catharine, Nov. 26, '99.

1900.

Wm. H. Birchenough, —, Adult, Harry, June 3, 1900.

Wm. H. Birchenough, —, Adult, Ruth, June 3, 1900.

Thomas H. Macdonald, Hester Berdan, Feb. 11, '00, Robert Edward, June 17, '00.

Fred Berdan, Fanny Irene Vail, July 29, '99, Mary Caroline, June 17, '00.

Augustus Mowel, Sarah B. Vail, Dec. 29, '99, Lawrence Augustus, June 17, '00.

Cornelius K. Berry, Mary Bogert, July 20, '99, Hazel C., June 17, '00.

Daniel Van Way, Ida M. Jordan, Apr. 28, '98, Daniel, June 17, '00.

Harry Gibb, Josephine Weyman, July 8, '97, Harry Hobart, June 17, '00.

Harry Gibb, Josephine Weyman, June 18, '91, Catharine Margaret, June 17, '00.

Aaron Laauwe, Rachel Lavinia Weyman, Sept. 25, '93, Catharine May, Sept. 2, '00.

Aaron Laauwe, Rachel Lavinia Weyman, Jan. 25, '95, Ruth Josephine, Sept. 2, '00.

Charles S. Hinchman, Hannah M. Post, Adult, Mary Elizabeth, Sept. 2, '00.

Charles S. Hinchman, Hannah M. Post, Adult, Charlotte, Sept. 2, '00.

1902.

Robert S. Martin, Mary Bensen, July 20, 1901, Eva Marie, June 15, 1902.

Jacob Henry Sisco, Nellie Crozier, Feb. 19, 1901, Jacob Henry, June 15, 1902.

Jacob Henry Sisco, Nellie Crozier, Feb. 19, 1901, Charles Thomas, June 15, 1902.

Thomas Henry Macdonald, Hester Berdan, Jan. 26, 1902, Katharine Berdan, Oct. 8, 1902.

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### MARRIAGES.

By Rev. John Woods, S. S.

1842.

Dec. 29, John Turner to Sarah Hizer.

1843.

Jan. 28, John D. Zelif to Leah Ann Hendrick.

By Rev. John A. Staats, Pastor.

1845.

Aug. 18, Cornelius W. La Tourette to Margaret Ann Bayles, both of Bound Brook, N. J.

Sept. 3, Harry Store to Selina Youmans, both of Wyckoff, N. J.

Sept. 25, Peter Ackerman to Rachel Ann Doremus.

1846.

Jan. 3, William H. (D.) Doremus to Helen Ann Benson.

Jan. 8, William Sisco to Elizabeth Vreeland, both of Wynocke.

Jan. 15, John Dobbins to Mary Jane Fitzgerald, both of Wynocke.

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NOTE.—No marriage Records of this church previous to 1842 are in existence. Where place of residence is not given in this copy, it is always Preakness. Names of places and persons are spelled as recorded.

- Apr. 2, Rev. William J. Thompson, of New Brunswick, N. J., to Sophia, daughter of John Ward, of Bergen County, N. J.
- June 2, George W. Littell, of New York City, to Mary Acken, of New Brunswick, N. J.
- Nov. 19, Cornelius Kip to Leah Ann Van Riper.
- Nov. 21, Theodore H. Allington, of Paterson, to Sarah Doremus, of Preakness.
- Nov. 28, Henry K. Berry to Maria Stagg.  
1847.
- Jan. 14, Abraham Hopper, of Small Lots, to Mary Catharine Van Winkle, of Preakness.
- May 18, Lebbeus Ayres, of Metuchen, to Ellen A. Grayce, of Bonham-Town.
- May 30, John Crompton, of New York City, to Mary, daughter of James Hinchman, of Preakness.
- Oct. 23, P— S. Francisco to Elizabeth Fredericks, both of Stony Brook.
- Nov. 11, William C. Stratton, of Medina, Orleans Co., N. Y., to Ann Eliza Shurte, of Mead's Basin.  
1848.
- Feb. 26, John N. Jacobus to Bridget Ann Stagg.
- June 24, John Lynes, son of John Lynes, of Rockaway, Morris Co., to Elizabeth Magie, daughter of James Magie, of Pleasant Valley, Passaic Co., N. J.
- July 23, Alexander Nichols, of New York City, to Sarah Kane, of Paterson.
- Aug. 10, Peter S. Post to Jane Romeyn, daughter of B. S. Romeyn.
- Oct. 18, David Stagg to Anna Maria, daughter of P. Quackenbush, of Preakness.  
1849.
- Jan. 1, Henry Tise, of Morris Co., to Helen Ann Search, of Morris Co.
- May 31, Peter T. Doremus, of Wayne Township, son of Thomas Doremus, to Rachel Ann Terhune, daughter of Albert Terhune, of Morris Co.
- July 21, Henry Cuckaroo, blacksmith, to Hester Ann Petrie, daughter of William Petrie.
- Aug. 5, John Hopper to Abby Ann Terwiliger, both of New York City.
- Sept. 15, Aaron Kime to Susan Ann Riker, daughter of Ralph Riker, both of Wayne Township.

Nov. 15, Philetus Cough to Elizabeth, daughter of Gabriel Aken.

1850.

March 2, John C. Demarest, of Franklin, Bergen Co., son of Cor's Demarest, to Susan Winter, orphan, of Wayne.

May 18, George Fox, of Newark, to Hannah, daughter of Albert Van Buskirk, of Preakness.

Dec. 8, John M. Van Winkle, of Preakness, to Margaret, daughter of William P. Ackerman, of Aquackanonk.

1851.

Feb. 13, Benjamin Earl, tailor, of Newark, to Elizabeth, daughter of Major Cor's R. Jacobus, of Wayne.

March 4, Jacob B. V. R. DeWitt, of Preakness, to Cynthia Chamberlain, of Godwinville.

May 1, Stephen Price to Margaret Catharine Messenger, step-daughter of Jacob Johnson.

June 28, Henry Ranouse, of Powerville, to Catharine Fredericks, daughter of Peter H. Fredericks, of Stony Brook.

June 28, Peter P. Sanders to Mary, daughter of Frederick Witty, all of Stony Brook.

Dec. 6, Thomas Tintle to Elizabeth, daughter of Peter A. Smith.

1852.

June 5, James Smith to Ann Elizabeth Clark, both of Pompton.

Oct. 31, Benjamin Harper, of Ramapo Iron Works, to Frances Jones, daughter of William Jones, of Pompton Iron Works.

Nov. 25, Samuel Fair, of Newark, to Elizabeth Ryerson, daughter of M. Van Winkle.

1853.

Feb. 5, Abraham Le Febre to Catharine Wissey, both of Preakness, natives of Holland.

March 26, John Daniel to Hannah, daughter of Frederick Petrie.

March 28, James Brown to Susan Van Wagoner, both of Pompton, (colored).

May 1, Daniel G. Ackerman, of Godwinville, to Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Perrine, of Preakness.

July 4, Jacob Van Norden, son of John Van Norden, to Abby Jane Edwards, daughter of James W. Edwards, all of Newfoundland.

Oct. 22, Henry Brown, of Wynocke, to Margaret Ann Sanders, daughter of Daniel Sanders, of Stony Brook.

1854.

March 23, Peter James Winter, to Margaret Snyder, daughter of John Snyder, all of Pompton.

June 4, Jeremiah R. Berdan to Anna Sophia, daughter of Cornelius R. Jacobus.

June 11, William H. Hopper to Cornelia, daughter of John Stagg, Esqr.

July 30, David I. Writnour to Margaret, daughter of Jacob Strou-ble, both of Bloomingdale, N. J.

Sept. 11, Henry Dodd to Rachel Hopper, both of Beavertown, Morris Co.

By Rev. J. N. Jansen.

Sept. 16, Abraham Wesse to Adrianna ———.

By Rev. John A. Staats, Pastor.

Dec. 10, Nicholas Kipp to Jane Banigan, daughter of Mrs. Lowey.

1855.

Jan. 18, Daniel C. Ackerman, of Wyckoff, to Ann Terhune, daughter of Thomas Terhune, of the Goffle.

Apr. 9, Edward H. Johnson, of New York, to Mary Margaret Van Allen, daughter of John Van Allen, of Preakness.

Aug. 8, Joshua Wait to Ellen Combs, both of Paterson.

Aug. 26, Peter Fields, machinist, of Paterson, to Nancy, daughter, of Henry Sutcliff, of Preakness.

Oct. 9, Albert Berdan, merchant, of Paterson, to Jane M. Hollister, of Paterson.

Oct. 31, Nicholas Jorolomon, farmer, of Belleville, N. J., to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob B. Van Riper, of Preakness.

1856.

Nov. 19, John Ryerson, carpenter, of Paterson, to Agnes Matilda, daughter of Martin Van Winkle, of Preakness.

Dec. 9, David Drew, farmer, to Sarah E. Beattie, daughter of George Beattie, all of Wynocke, N. J.

1857.

March 4, Garret Planten, of Manchester, son of H. Planten, of New York City, to Catharine, daughter of Peter Perrine.

May 6, Jacob R. Berdan, son of Richard J. Berdan, and Maria Elizabeth, daughter of Edo Van Saun.

May 20, James D. Berdan to Mary C. Mead, daughter of Henry I. Mead, of Mead's Basin.

May 30, Sylvester Van Ness, carpenter, of Newark, N. J., to Harriet, daughter of Peter A. Decker, of Pompton Plains, N. J.

1858.

- Sept. 1, Azariah D. Newell, M.D., to Elizabeth Magie, both of New Brunswick, N. J., at Paterson, N. J.  
 Sept. 9, John Hand to Emeline Snyder, both of Oldham, N. J.  
 Oct. 2, John H. Folly, tobacconist, of Paterson, to Margaret, daughter of John Harris, of Pompton Plains.

1859.

- March 19, Johnson Prall, of Pompton Plains, to Mary, daughter of Leonard Hook, of Singak, (at Jer. Ryerson's).  
 June 13, Joseph Bamed, painter, to Lucy Hilton, both of Paterson.  
 July 26, John Harris, carpenter, of Pompton Plains, to Mrs. Mary Jane Comer, of Bloomingdale.  
 Aug. 1, David Moses, bookbinder, to Margaret White Tibbatts, both of New York.  
 Sept. 26, Andree W. Keefe to Anna Maria Kopae, both of Pacquanac, N. J.

1860.

- Jan. 21, Capt. Joseph Lemon, of Barnegat, N. J., to Mary Ann, daughter of H. Woodley, of Preakness.  
 March 21, William D. Demarest, of Paterson, to Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob A. Berdan.  
 Apr. 4, George Bilson, cotton spinner, of Haledon, to Mrs. Hannah Daniel, daughter of Frederick Petry, of Preakness.  
 June 6, John A. Van Wagoner, of Wynocke, to Jane Maria, daughter of David D. Demarest.  
 July 11, Henry S. Jacobus, silver and brass plater, of Wilmington, Del., to Mary Catharine, daughter of Thomas Van Ness, of Jacksonville, N. J.  
 Aug. 19, Joseph Langdale, knitter, to Louisa Adams, both of Haledon.  
 Aug. 29, Christopher Saidle to Emily C. Stagg, both of Little Falls, N. J.

1861.

- March 13, Thomas Barrett, late of Saratoga Co., to Sarah, daughter of Frederick Petry.  
 May 4, Walter Hook, of Singak, to Jane Van Oven, of Preakness.  
 May 18, Martin I. Myers, of Weimas, Bergen Co., N. J., to Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Andrew Van Riper.  
 Aug. 15, Charles H. A. Tiffany, of Paterson, and Rachel Jane, daughter of Jacob R. Romaine, of Ponds.

1862.

By Rev. C. B. Durand, Pastor.

June 25, Sam De Bow, of Black Oak Ridge, to Eliza Carrough.

July 28, Henry M. Bennet, of Williamsburgh, to Elizabeth Jane Roat.

Sept. 3, Pierre Adolph Younglif, of Jersey City, to Alice Hartley, of Chicago.

Oct. 2, Peter Doremus, of Paquinack, to Maria Traphagen.

1863.

June 3, Richard Berdan, to Rachel Jane Demarest, of Paterson.

June 16, Henry Snyder, of Goffle, to Eliza Jane Van Winkle.

1864.

March 17, Samuel M. Henderson to Christina Hemenover, both of Paterson.

Apr. 27, Charles Musk to Mary Hennion.

May 26, Charles R. Vanderhoof, of Fairfield, to Eliza Jane Darcy, of Mead's Basin.

June 24, Augustus Lipetrow to Susan Garrison.

1865.

Nov. 22, Peter Riker, of Little Falls, to Sarah Elizabeth Bastedo, of Black Oak Ridge.

1866.

Jan. 13, Peter Van Dyne to Sarah Jane Conklin, of Black Oak Ridge.

March 31, Marshall Baldwin, of Bloomfield, to Kate De Bow, of Pompton Plains.

Apr. 4, Alexander F. Anderson, of New York City, to Mrs. M. B. Maxwell, of Oldham.

July 4, Reuben V. Brown, of Sussex Co., to Sarah Ann McGee.

Sept. 20, Richard Metainye to Sarah Zelif.

Oct. 8, Harmon Campbell to Elizabeth Stoddard, of Totowa.

1867.

Jan. 2, Andrew Roat to Harriett Munse, of Boardville.

Aug. 22, Richard Dickson to Mary Eliza Mosier.

Oct. 8, Henry Huber, to Mary E. Wyckoff, adopted daughter of Cornelius Kip, both of Paterson.

Dec. 19, John Morrison, of Paterson, to Louisa Tyase.

1868.

Jan. 31, John Van Der Mye to Anne Dern.

By Rev. S. T. Cole, Pastor.

1869.

- Jan. 2, John W. Hill, of Haverstraw, to Jennie Jacobus, of Wayne Township.  
 Jan. 14, Edo V. Cadmus, of Saddle River, to Kate Stagg, of Wayne Township.  
 May 12, Leslie C. Waters to Susie J. Post.  
 May 29, Gillian Demarest to Sarah F. Holly.  
 Nov. 10, John R. Berdan, of Passaic Valley, to Chrissie M. Berry.  
 Dec. 25, Charles J. Haight, of New York, to Elizabeth Mead, of Mead's Basin.

1870.

- Jan. 5, Thomas Haley to Rebecca A. De Witt.  
 May 18, John A. Jacobus, of Paterson, to Lydia A. Mitchell.  
 June 18, Wm. H. Pearce, of Newark, to Jennie Stratton, of Mead's Basin.  
 Aug. 18, Martin H. Berry to Kitty A. Van Houten, of Totowa.  
 Oct. 20, Martin Jacobs, of New York, to Amelia S. Mead, of Mead's Basin.  
 Nov. 16, John B. Roat to Rebecca A. Sisco.  
 Nov. 24, Joseph Le Jeune, of New York, to Martha A. Hinchman.  
 Nov. 24, Frederick W. Clarke, of New York, to Susannah S. Hinchman.  
 Dec. 14, John W. Doremus, of Dundee, to Ella Demarest.

1871.

- July 1, John Gray, of Paterson, to Sarah Harlor, of Paterson.  
 Dec. 13, Edward Jones, of Oak Ridge, to Emma C. Keifer, of Pompton Plains.

1872.

- Feb. 29, Warren A. Mitchell, of Montville, to Hattie E. Allen, of Preakness.

By Rev. A. A. Zabriskie, Pastor.

1873.

- June 11, James D. Berdan to Kate Baldwin, of Pompton Plains.  
 July 12, Thomas Buckl y, of Paterson, to Sarah Doremus.  
 Aug. 24, Hezekiah Braddock to Julia Sisco.

1874.

- Aug. 29, Peter Folly, of Little Falls, to Margaret Ann Voughn, of Boonton.  
 Dec. 24, Henry Boob to Emma Voorhees, both of Pompton Plains.



1875.

March 16, Dennis P. Clark to Martha M. Dickens, of Yaupaugh.

March 26, Joseph E. Wiseman, of Paterson, to Jennie R. Ackerman.

Aug. 19, George H. Everson, of Paterson, to Margaretta Blauvelt, of Paterson.

Oct. 27, Charles S. Hinchman to Hannah M. Post.

Nov. 18, Thomas T. Hearn to Rachel M. De Witt.

1876.

Feb. 27, Charles Anderson Woodward to Fanny Thompson, both of Paterson.

March 29, John M. Shepherd, of Little Falls, to Catherine Ann Ackerman, of Pequannock.

Apr. 27, Matt Blunt, of Chatham Four Corners, to Anna Thomas, of Jersey City.

Apr. 12, Warren B. Mitchell to Adelia Lewis.

1877.

Jan. 13, Fred Canouse to Mrs. Clara Hall, both of Mountain View.

Oct. 17, Peter Hopper, of Small Lots, to Lizzie Berdan, of Mountain View.

Oct. 25, Cornelius H. Post, of Paterson, to Sarah Libbie Van Riper.

Nov. 17, Thomas Ransley, of Pompton, to Martha Westervelt, of Bloomingdale.

1878.

Jan. 5, James D. Croker, of Siccomac, to Leonora Smith.

By Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, Pastor.

1880.

Jan. 11, Louis Rater to Sarah Catharine Hennion, of Ponds.

Apr. 3, Stephen D. Aber to Eliza Davis.

July 18, Whitfield Francisco to Lizzie J. Cox, both of Pompton.

Oct. 10, Horace E. Francisco to Eliza J. Riker, both of Bloomingdale.

1881.

Jan. 2, Andrew Smith, of Smith's Mills, to Mary J. Vreeland, of Bloomingdale.

Apr. 27, J. P. Winterbottom, of New York City, to Elizabeth Vreeland, of Bloomingdale.

June 23, William F. Wolf, of Brooklyn, to Catharine Helena Weyman.

1882.

Jan. 11, Abram Garrabrant, of Brookdale, to Catharine Eliz. Demarest.

Jan. 15, William Somerville to Mary Martin, both of Paterson.

March 26, Benjamin V. Hennion to Emma E. Hennion, both of Bloomingdale.

1883.

Apr. 11, Cornelius D. Bensen to Jennie Walling.

May 16, Joseph Merriam to Elliottena Kamp.

May 29, John G. L. Totten to Sadie Van Middlesworth, both of Middlebush, N. J.

Aug. 26, Adolph Ludwig, of New York City, to Sarah C. Winters.

Dec. 26, Joseph Braddock to Maggie R. Sisco, both of Paterson.

1884.

Jan. 9, George T. Wilson, of New York City, to Charlotte E. Todd.  
By Rev. J. R. Verbrycke, Pastor.

1885.

March 15, Arthur Kamp to Ada Post.

May 25, William Osborn to Margrett Hoey, both of Montclair, N. J.

July 4, Samuel Thurston to Emma Doty, both of Oakland.

Aug. 12, William Brown, of Clifton, Kansas, to Mary C. Cahill.

Oct. 1, Thomas D. Ryerson, of Wayne, to Della Tintle.

Nov. 9, William Vreeland to Lottie Morse, both of Bloomingdale.  
1886.

June 24, William B. Smith to Elvina F. Smith, both of Middlebush, N. J.

June 24, William Niehoff to Henriette Muller, both of New York City.

By Rev. T. A. Beekman, S. S.

1888.

May 12, Aaron S. Willson to Hattie L. Sisco, both of Newton, N. J.

Oct. 11, Sidney Kimble to Emma Florence Haines, both of New Foundland.

Dec. 2, James Hynes to Mary Alliman, both of Paterson.

By Rev. J. R. Verbrycke.

1889.

Aug. 22, Benjamin C. Wooster, of Ridgewood, N. J., to May Merselis.

By Rev. T. A. Beekman.

Sept. 19, Augustus Mowel to Sadie B. Vail.

By Rev. Geo. W. Labaw, Pastor.

- Oct. 17, David Thomson, of Haledon, to Hester Ackerman.  
 Oct. 23, Milton De Hart, of Lincoln Park, N. J., to Ella Terhune.  
 Nov. 28, Joseph William Hinchman to Annie Bensen.

1890.

- March 24, James William Martin to Mrs. Mary Shane, both of Haledon.  
 Mch. 24, John Henry Blackwell to Elizabeth Scriven, both of Paterson.  
 July 22, Charles Alanson Briggs to Celia Caroline Conklin.  
 Aug. 17, Wm. Simpson Carr to Carrie Thompson Demarest, both of Oakland.

1891.

- March 22, George Thomas Grimshaw, of Paterson, to Martha Ellen McCarty.  
 July 26, Alvah Van Orden to Jennie Fredericks, both of Oakland.  
 Nov. 25, Michee De Bow to Jane Van Way.

1892.

- Apr. 21, John Ackerman, of Paterson, to Irene Kamp.  
 June 15, John D. Merselis to Libbie R. Berdan.  
 Sept. 5, Frank Ritter to Kittie Holt, both of Paterson.  
 Sept. 16, George Payne, of Wayne, to Kate Delany, of Black Oak Ridge.  
 Oct. 18, John Rochelle, of Ogdensburg, N. J., to Susan Aber.

1893.

- May 3, Edward Van Houten to Ida Lucinda Mitchell.  
 June 14, Charles Wesley Winters, of Paterson, to Nellie Bensen.  
 Dec. 27, Luther C. Hall, of Haledon, to Caroline Parmley, of Paterson.

1894.

- Apr. 18, Robert Setcliff Martin to Mary Bensen.  
 Oct. 31, Edwin C. Morse, of Paterson, to Lizzie H. Doremus.  
 Dec. 17, John Robert Martin, of Haledon, to Isabelle Miesch, of Paterson.

1895.

- Jan. 20, William Taber Richards, of Pompton, to Bertha Haycock, of Butler.  
 March 6, Theo. A. Snedeker, of Colt's Neck, N. J., to Fannie M. Labaw.  
 Apr. 15, Benjamin Boyd Nichols to Edith Jane Jordan, both of Paterson.

June 29, James Weatherwaks, of Black Oak Ridge, to Mary Celia Keenan, of Paterson.

Dec. 24, John Murray Wilson to Ida Adeline Doremus.

Dec. 24, Joseph Aldon Roome, of Shelton, Conn., to Charlotte Cahill.  
1896.

June 7, Philip Henry Hillman, of Wayne Township, to Louisa M. Weinman, of Paterson.

June 16, James Henry Riker, of Mountain View, to Mrs. Catharine Ann Young, of Wayne.

June 17, Adrian C. Post, Jr., to Lizzie Hudson.

Sept. 15, Jacob Henry Sisco to Nellie Crozier, both of Pequannock.

Sept. 16, Joseph Nathan Hodgson to Gertrude Chinn, both of Paterson.

Sept. 20, Fred C. Hennie, of Little Falls, to Mrs. Jennie C. Bosman, of Paterson.

Nov. 7, Edward West to Gertrude French, both of Mountain View.

Nov. 25, William McCracken, of Wayne, to Emma Mabey, of Pequannock.

Dec. 24, Munson Zelif to Mildred V. Miller, both of Lincoln Park, N. J.  
1897.

Jan. 6, William Winters, of Black Oak Ridge, to Priscilla Kamp.

Apr. 7, Fred Berdan to Fannie I. Vail.

Apr. 18, Wm. C. Hillman to Mary A. Weinman, both of Wayne Township.

May 26, James Chadwick, of Paterson, to Julia Post.

July 3, Daniel Ellsworth Morgan to Grace Elizabeth Garner, of Paterson.

Aug. 25, Harry Tintle to Mabel Ostrander, both of Paterson.

Sept. 16, Andrew Ames to Mary Laurison, both of Wayne.

Oct. 9, Alfred Wolpert to Frances Josten, of Haledon.  
1898.

May 8, Franklin Ulysses Decker, of Bloomingdale, to Mary Edna Farrell, of Butler.

Aug. 31, John Simeson Hinchman to Harriet May Forshay, of Paterson.

Nov. 28, Cheever Van Derhoof to Jennie Taylor, both of Butler.

Dec. 21, James Ratchiffe, of Paterson, to Jessie G. F. Garside.  
1899.

Apr. 9, Clarence C. Smith to Melinda Courter, both of North Haledon.

Apr. 26, Thomas Henry Macdonald, of Garfield, to Hester Berdan.  
 Sept. 30, Gottlieb Grob to Annie Glaser, of Paterson.

1900.

Apr. 11, Leonard Hartley to Margaret Crozier, both of Paterson.  
 Apr. 14, Ernest Myers to Maggie Hall, of Haledon.  
 Oct. 16, Frank Ackerman to Kittie Perkins.

1901.

Jan. 5, Richard C. Mantonye to Loretta M. Conklin, both of Pompton.  
 Apr. 24, Robert Zabriskie Langstaff, of Paterson, to Bertha Jane Van Riper.  
 Apr. 28, George Decker, of East Bloomingdale, to Cora Zeak, of Bloomingdale.  
 June 10, George Walker to Susie Eastham, both of Paterson.  
 July 21, Arthur Maxwell, of Paterson, to Ida Saner, of Haledon.  
 Aug. 13, George Dobbison, of Pompton, to Mrs. Rebecca Winters, of Oakland.  
 Oct. 9, Jesse Courter, of Glen View, to Eva Hudson, of Paterson.  
 Oct. 31, George Hocker to Irena Slingerland, both of Pompton Plains.  
 Nov. 9, Walter Greenough to Olive Rait, both of Newark.  
 Nov. 27, Abraham Lincoln Youmens to Mrs. Ellen Smith.

1902.

Feb. 11, John Staats Post to Mary Anna Vail.  
 Feb. 23, Milton Scott Hiller, of Butler, to Blanch Leone Richards, of Pompton.  
 Apr. 17, Milton Hanford Canfield, of Caldwell, to Nettie Tintle, of Preakness.  
 Aug. 27, Richard A. Weatherwalks to Florence Matilda Parks, both of Pompton Lakes.  
 Sept. 14, George Wible, of Oakland, to Julia Ann Han, of Pequannock.

#### LIST OF DEATHS.

Oct. 2, '37, Albert Berdan.  
 Nov. 27, '37, Miss Romer.  
 Dec. 3, '37, John Larue.

NOTE.—We give names in order, as recorded, with spelling, even when at variance with the spelling of the same names elsewhere.

- \*Dec. 24, '37, Eve, a girl at N. Jones'.  
 Dec. 31, '37, Jane Ryerson, wife of Tunis Ryerson.  
 \*Mch. 4, '38, Peter Zeluff, child.  
 \*Mch. 30, '38, William Petrie, daughter.  
 \*May 4, '38, Hannah Demarest, wife of David Demarest.  
 \*July —, '38, John Masker's child.  
 \*Dec. 12, '38, Aany Berdan, wife of Jacob Berdan.  
 \*Mch. 10, '39, Henry Folly, child.  
 \*Apr. 7, '39, Albert Voorheis, son of Garret Berdan.  
 \*Apr. 16, '39, Peter Dewitt, his child.  
 \*Aug. —, '39, Abraham Petrie.  
 \*Sept. 5, '39, David Marenus, child.  
 \*Oct. 22, '39, Mrs. Mayby, wife of Mindert Mayby.  
 \*Jan. 14, '40, Robert Alexander Minns.  
 \*May 5, '40, Cornelus Kipp.  
 \*June 11, '40, Uriah Van Riper.  
 \*June 23, '40, Peter Dewit, child.  
 \*Oct. 22, '40, Cornelus Merselis, Esq.  
 \*Jan. 25, '41, Richard Van Riper.  
 \*Jan. 3, '41, Abraham Masker.  
 \*Apr. 11, '41, Sally Packer, wife of Wm. Packer.  
 \* — — — Mrs. Merselis, widow of Cornelus Merselis.  
 \*Feb. 4, '42, Anny Kip, widow of Cornelus Kip.  
 \* — — — Widow Doremus, from New York.  
 \* — — — Widow Betsy, mother of Miss Zeliff.  
 \* — — — Mary Van Winkle, wife of Jacob Spear.  
 \*Jan. 12, '43, Mary, widow Albert Berdan, dec'd.  
 — — — Anne Mariah, daughter of Garret Hopper, New  
 York.  
 \* — — — Jane, wife of Tunes Ryerson.  
 Apr. 2, '43, Garrett Merselis, 65 yrs., 6 mos.  
 Dec. 9, '43, Child of Francis Doremus, 0, 6, 3.  
 Feb. 24, '44, John Tice, 22, 6, 0.  
 May 22, '44, Henry Cooper.  
 Aug. 31, '44, Child of Moses Rote, 0, 2, 28.  
 Oct. 29, '44, Wife of John Jones, Jane Wright, 34, 0, 0.  
 Aug. 28, '45, Child of M. Russel, New York, 1, 2, 0.  
 Sept. 22, '45, Henrietta, wife of Henry Folly.  
 Oct. 13, '45, Infant child of Henry Folly, 0, 0, 22.

\*—indicates date of burial.

The figures after names indicate years, months, days.

- Nov. 14, '45, Elizabeth, wife of C. Winter, 74, 0, 0.  
 Mch. 9, '46, Child of D. Morenus.  
 Nov. 8, '46, Joseph Hendricks, 28, 0, 0.  
 Nov. 29, '46, Francis Doremus, 42, 8, 0, Pequannock.  
 Jan. 19, '47, Margaret, wid. of Hen. Doremus, P. Plains.  
 Jan. 31, '47, Mary Jane Jone's child, col'd, 4, 0, 0, Pequannock.  
 Feb. 6, '47, Infant of J. G. Van Houten, 0, 3, 0.  
 Feb. 9, '47, Son of Peter S. Post, 0, 7, 0. Totowa.  
 Apr. 21, '47, Infant of Henry C. Winter, 6½ mos.  
 Apr. 21, '47, Wife of Samuel Westervelt.  
 May 13, '47, Child of Charles Pierson, 7 weeks.  
 June 3, '47, Eliza, wife of John Van Suyc, 26, 0, 0. Pompton.  
 June 28, '47, Henry Hinchman, 20 yrs. Drowned in Shrewsbury Creek.  
 Aug. 14, '47, Eliza Mary De Witt, 18, 0, 7.  
 Nov. 16, '47, Leah Walker, of N. Y. City, 28 yrs.  
 Jan. 31, '48, Charity, wife of P. S. Post.  
 Mch. 25, '48, Leah Ann Van Winkle, 24, 7, 25.  
 Apr. 19, '48, John, son of Peter Ackerman, 17 mos.  
 Apr. 20, '48, Mrs. Ellen Merselis, 67 yrs.  
 June 15, '48, Isaac Van Saun.  
 Aug. 22, '48, Jane Elliot, wife of James Jones, of N. Y. City.  
 Oct. 3, '48, John Jacob, son of U. J. Van Riper, 6, 11, 15.  
 Oct. 11, '48, Richard, son of U. J. Van Riper, 2, 4, 0.  
 Jan. 1, '49, John, son of Wm. Braddock, 9 mos.  
 Aug. 7, '49, Infant of Louis Messenger, 8 mos.  
 Sept. 30, '49, Wife of Louis Messenger.  
 Oct. 20, '49, Elizabeth, daughter of Peter De Witt, 7 yrs, 9 mos.  
 Dec. 12, '49, Isaac Shurte, Mead's Basin.  
 Jan. 11, '50, Mary Catharine, daughter of M. V. Winkle, 17, 10, 20.  
 Feb. 10, '50, Infant of Peter D. Ryerson, of New York, 4 mos.  
 May 10, '50, Peter S. Post.  
 June 1, '50, Jane, wife of Garret P. Herring, 65 yrs.  
 Aug. 30, '50, Jacob Spear, Jr.  
 Sept. 22, '50, Elizabeth, daughter of Thos. Van Ness, Jacksonville, 20 yrs.  
 Oct. 18, '50, Elmina Onderdonk, wife of Geo. G. Doremus.  
 Nov. 14, '50, Susan, wife of James Hinchman, 60 yrs.  
 Nov. 19, '50, Abram Van Houten.  
 Dec. 29, '50, Elizabeth, widow of P. Dewitt, 63, 10, 15.

- Jan. 19, '51, Garret P. Herring, 66 yrs.  
 Feb. 14, '51, Cors Benson, son of W. Braddock, 1, 2, 0.  
 Mch. 24, '51, Henry Perrine, 61 yrs.  
 Apr. 30, '51, Francis C. Post, of two Bridges, 65 yrs.  
 Apr. 30, '51, Female infant of Geo. I. Doremus, 10 weeks.  
 May 14, '51, Female infant of Moses Rote, 5 mos.  
 July 19, '51, Child of Magee, 2, 10, 0.  
 Nov. 13, '51, Wife of Wm. Petrie.  
 Nov. 21, '51, Leah Kip, widow of Jasper Dodd, 75 yrs.  
 Feb. 7, '52, Maria, daughter of Jacob Spear, 21 yrs.  
 Apr. 18, '52, Gilbert, son of widow Eliz. Spear, 9 yrs.  
 Apr. 19, '52, Francis Ryerson, son of Peter Ackerman, 14 mos.  
 May 1, '52, John, son of Eliz. Spear, 7 yrs.  
 May 5, '52, Mrs. Rachel Westervelt, 21 yrs.  
 May 14, '52, Margaret, daughter of Tunis Post, 2, 10, 0.  
 May 20, '52, Treadwell Townsend, 35 yrs. Pompton Iron Works.  
 May 27, '52, Son of Wm. Petrie, 14 yrs.  
 May 29, '52, James Coutte, Scotchman, 29 yrs.  
 July 4, '52, Child of Mr. Wanamaker.  
 July 7, '52, Mrs. Sophia, wife of Nicholas Kip, 48, 6, 0.  
 Sept. 3, '52, Child of Peter S. Doremus, 9 days. P. Plains.  
 Sept. 14, '52, Cors, son of Tunis C. Post, 0, 9, 10.  
 Oct. 12, '52, Myndert Mabie, 92 yrs.  
 Dec. 26, '52, Matthew Cronk, 94 yrs.  
 Jan. 8, '53, Infant daughter of John Daniel, 11 mos.  
 Jan. 19, '53, John G. Doremus, 79, 8, 0.  
 Mch. 19, '53, Harriet Jane Marinus, wife of Harvey Miller, Paterson.  
 Apr. 15, '53, Ann Whitaker, 15, 11, 0.  
 Apr. 30, '53, Infant of Harvey Miller, 7½ mos.  
 Apr. 30, '53, Horace Conklin Collier, 22 yrs.  
 June 2, '53, Elizabeth R. Van Winkle, wife of Samuel Fair, 25, 8, 0.  
 July 16, '53, Hester Spear, wife of David Marinus.  
 July 31, '53, Infant son of Jacob and Margaret Romine, 1 mo.  
 Sept. 7, '53, German from Saw Mills.  
 Sept. 15, '53, Jemima, daughter of Abram and Mary Catharine Hopper, of N. York, 19 mos.  
 Oct. 14, '53, Wife of Aaron Prall, Hollander.  
 Jan. 14, '54, Maria Freeman, widow of Lewis Ackerman, 69 yrs.



- Jan. 28, '54, Henry Hooper, 87 yrs.  
 Jan. 31, '54, Female infant of Rob. Martin, 5 days.  
 Feb. 3, '54, Infant son of Jacob De Witt, 1, 0, 7.  
 Feb. 15, '54, Cornelius Post, 70, 8, 0.  
 Apr. 8, '54, Harriet, daughter of James Dwyer, 3, 9, 0.  
 June 5, '54, Conrad Redner, 37 yrs. New Foundland.  
 Aug. 14, '54, Caroline Rote, 2 yrs, daughter of Mrs. Rote, Pat-  
     erson.  
 Sept. 7, '54, Cynthia Chamberlain, wife of Jacob De Witt,  
     24 yrs.  
 Oct. 3, '54, Catharine Doremus, wife of John Walden, of New  
     York.  
 Nov. 16, '54, Albert, son Jacob G. Berdan, 3½ yrs.  
 Dec. 22, '54, Lavinius Lefebre, (Hollander), 58 1-3 yrs.  
 Apr. 13, '55, George, son of Cornelius Doremus, 4 yrs.  
 July 29, '55, Francis Hendricks, 51 yrs. Pasgac.  
 Aug. 20, '55, Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Peter D. Smith,  
     5 yrs.  
 Aug. 23, '55, Peter De Witt, 42¼ yrs.  
 Sept. 6, '55, Charity Doremus, 53 yrs.  
 Sept. 12, '55, Francis Torbet, Jr., 35¼ yrs.  
 Oct. 20, '55, Jacob V. B. De Witt, 27 yrs. N. Y. City.  
 Nov. 9, '55, Mrs. Hannah Hennion, widow, 64 yrs.  
 Jan. 12, '56, Ann Eliza, wife of Wm. C. Stratton, 26 yrs, 8½  
     mos.  
 Jan. 23, '56, Eliza, daughter of Wm. C. Stratton, 5 yrs.  
 Jan. 25, '56, John Minns, 81 yrs.  
 Feb. 16, '56, John Henry, son of Henry Cuckaroo, Boonton,  
     4 yrs.  
 Mch. 29, '56, John Redner, 63 yrs.  
 Apr. 9, '56, Cor's Doremus, son of Peter I. Ackerman. N. Y.  
     City. 1 yr.  
 May 29, '56, Ella, daughter of C. H. Tomkins, 2yrs, 11 mos.  
 June 23, '56, Lizzie, daughter of Stephen and Mary Bell, 5½ yrs.  
 June 26, '56, Cornelius K. Berry, 25, 9, 26.  
 Aug. 5, '56, John Hinchman, infant son of Wm. H. and Cor-  
     nelia Hopper, 6 mos.  
 Sept. 21, '56, Caroline, infant of Wm. C. Stratton, 8½ mos.  
 Nov. 11, '56, Eliza Ann, infant of Wm. H. Hopper, 6 mos.  
 Nov. 15, '56, Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob D. and Margaret  
     Hennion, 1, 10, 0.

- Nov. 18, '56, Jane, daughter of Lawrence and Hannah Hennion, 4, 9, 0.
- Dec. 1, '56, Jacob B. Van Riper, 67, 11, 0.
- Dec. 3, '56, Bridget Ann Stagg, wife of John N. Jacobus, Totowa, 27, 4, 0.
- Dec. 16, '56, Elizabeth Perrine, wife of Daniel Ackerman, 24, 7, 9.
- Apr. 10, '57, Martin Van Winkle, 56, 6, 0.
- Apr. 20, '57, Clara Phoenix, 32, 8, 0.
- May 19, '57, John Daniel, 31 yrs.
- June 15, '57, Colden, son of Widow Riker, 3½ yrs.
- July 13, '57, Sarah, wife of Wm. Braddock, 20 2-3 yrs.
- Oct. 3, '57, Ann, wife of Cornelius Van Saun, 75 yrs.
- Oct. 10, '57, Abby Jane, daughter of Mr. Parliament, 3 mos.
- Nov. 23, '57, Cathalina, wife of Jacob A. Berdan, 67, 0, 18.
- Oct. 26, '57, Sophia, wife of Isaac H. Mead.
- Dec. 29, '57, Martin H. Berry, 89½ yrs.
- Mch. 3, '58, William, son of Jacob D. and Margaret H. Hennion, 1 7-12 yrs.
- Mch. 31, '58, John Westervelt, 57 yrs.
- May 5, '58, Daughter of George Doremus, 1, 7, 0.
- May 27, '58, Hester Ann, daughter of David and Agnes Zelif, 3, 8, 0.
- Aug. 18, '58, Joseph Harvey, son of Philetus and Eliz. Cough, 15 mos.
- Sept. 28, '58, Susannah Staats, formerly of Millstone, N. J., 79, 1, 11.
- Oct. 23, '58, John Frederick, son of Mrs. Hannah Daniel, 1, 3, 0.
- Dec. 18, '58, Elnora, daughter of Wm. H. and Cornelia Hopper, 1, 3, 18.
- Feb. 23, '59, Mrs. Rachel Berry, widow of Martin H. Berry, 63, 11, 10.
- Feb. 23, '59, Moses Roat, 60, 7, 15.
- June 3, '59, Mrs. Leah Quackenbush, widow of Dr. Quackenbush, New York, 68 yrs.
- July 11, '59, Maria, (colored), daughter of James and Susan Brown, 4 2-3 yrs.
- Jan. 13, '60, Hannah, wife of Nicholas Jones, 78, 8, 0.
- May 2, '60, John Doremus, 47 yrs.
- May 5, '60, John Williams, 79 yrs.

- June 9, '60, David Shuart, 61, 5, 0.  
 July 1, '60, Albert Berdan, son of Jacob D. Hennion, 9 mos.  
 July 2, '60, Catharine Ann Van Allen, 30, 6, 0. New York City.  
 Aug. 22, '60, Margaret, widow of Rich'd D. Sisco, 81, 5, 15.  
 Sept. 15, '60, Nicholas Jones, 79, 1, 0.  
 Nov. 12, '60, Lizzie, daughter of Henry and Mary Woodley, 5½ yrs.  
 Nov. 13, '60, Wm. Folly, 56 yrs.  
 Nov. 26, '60, Elizabeth Aken, wife of Philétus Cough, 32 yrs., 7½ mos.  
 Dec. 7, '60, Richard F. Ryerson, 70, 10, 4.  
 Dec. 29, '60, Harriet Merselis, 70, 3, 0.  
 Mch. 28, '61, Infant at Wm. F. Ryerson's, 1, 1, 0.  
 Mch. 29, '61, Newton F. Johnson, son of Ed. H. Johnson, N. Y. City, 2½ yrs.  
 Apr. 21, '61, Margaret H. Berdan, wife of Jacob D. Hennion, 34 yrs.  
 Sept. 6, '61, Martha Worden, at H. I. Mead's, 64 yrs.  
 Aug. 19, '62, John Van Allen, 61 yrs. New York City.  
 Sept. 2, '62, Edward H. Johnson, 18 mos. New York City.  
 Feb. 9, '62, Richard Perrine, 29, 7, 24.  
 Nov. 5, '62, Martha Perrine, 58.  
 Dec. 9, '62, Alex. Darcy, 32.  
 Feb. 15, '63, Louisa Myse, 27.  
 Mch. 5, '63, Sophia Moseley, 37. Paterson.  
 Apr. 7, '63, John Demarest, 71. Two Bridges.  
 Apr. 17, '63, Lorenzo Ryerson, 3 weeks.  
 June 8, '63, Peter A. Smith, 70.  
 Aug. 22, '63, Sarah Ryerson, 82. Pacquanack.  
 Aug. 27, '63, Matilda Van Riper, 22.  
 Nov. 3, '63, Lucina Le Febre, 4.  
 Dec. 4, '63, Abraham Wesser, 5.  
 Jan. 3, '64, John Van Saun, 4, 3, 0. Brooklyn.  
 Jan. 12, '64, Nick Van Riper, 82.  
 Jan. 15, '64, John N. Van Allen, 4, 3, 0. Brooklyn.  
 Feb. 2, '64, Jane Hock, 34.  
 Feb. 16, '64, William F. Traphagen, 30, 10, 10.  
 Feb. 24, '64, Elizabeth Post, 43.  
 Mch. 11, '64, Berry Sisco, 25.  
 Mch. 12, '64, Bernard Miller, 92.

- Mch. 31, '64, Mrs. Hunter, 42.  
 Apr. 10, '64, Mary Ann (Ligh) Doremus, 85.  
 Apr. 28, '64, George Braddock, 5.  
 May 27, '64, Mary McCloud, 58.  
 July 10, '64, Charles Gardener, 53.  
 July 22, '64, Infant De Witt, 1 month.  
 Aug. 5, '64, James Turner, 84.  
 Sept. 4, '64, James John, 6 mos.  
 Oct. 31, '64, Jeremiah Ryerson, 86.  
 Dec. 30, '64, Jane Ryerson, 0, 7, 23.  
 Jan. 17, '65, Sarah Maria Cave, 27.  
 Feb. 10, '65, Susan Maria Ackerman, 12.  
 Feb. 23, '65, Henry Cocoro, 89.  
 Sept. 30, '65, Child of Keefe, 3.  
 Oct. 21, '65, Mary Ryerson, 65.  
 Nov. 2, '65, Elizabeth Naefe, 90.  
 July 7, '66, William Sickles, 78.  
 Aug. 7, '66, Sarah Elizabeth Parliment, 3 mos.  
 Aug. 8, '66, William Sickles Mercelis, 2, 4, 0.  
 Aug. 25, '66, Catherine Dick, 64.  
 Sept. 7, '66, Walter Martin, 4 mos. Paterson.  
 Sept. 20, '66, Jane Brokaw, 2 mos.  
 Sept. 28, '66, Charles Post, 11 mos.  
 Oct. 7, '66, Adaline Berdan, 11 mos. Red Mills.  
 Nov. 21, '66, John Francis Wesser, 2 yrs.  
 Dec. 13, '66, James Hinchman, 71.  
 Dec. 29, '66, Mrs. Marshall, 45.  
 Feb. 22, '67, Isaac Mead, 83.  
 Mch. 9, '67, Joshua Waits, 43.  
 Mch. 16, '67, Rachel Ryerson, 80.  
 Apr. 21, '67, Mary Van Riper, 77.  
 Dec. 2, '67, Lucina Le Febre, 68. Pompton.  
 Dec. 5, '67, Charles Kelly, 28.  
 May 9, '69, Peter Daniels, 69.  
 May 11, '69, Cornelius R. Jacobus, 62, 1, 4.  
 Aug. 28, '69, Mrs. C. Kanouse, 66.  
 Dec. 13, '69, Samuel Daniels, 79.  
 Feb. 1, '70, Clarence Berdan, 9 mos.  
 May 18, '70, Mrs. Cassie J. Fairbanks, 25.  
 June 22, '70, Willie Willis, Jr., 3.  
 July 1, '70, Nelson Roat, 19, 4, 8.



Children of John Dotterweich, drowned by breaking of ice on a pond.

- June '75, Jacob Berdan, 85.  
 ———— Geo. Doremus, 76.  
 ———— '75, Child of John Turner.  
 Aug. '75, Child of Hattie West.  
 Jan. 21, '76, Carrie Merselis, 3.  
 ———— Merselis, son of Mrs. Mead.  
 Apr. '76, Danl Waite.  
 \*June 5, '76, Sylvester Clark, 12, 2, 7.  
 Sept. 9, '76, German Woman at A. V. Meeks'.  
 Nov. 13, '76, William H. Clark, 65.  
 ———— '76, William Martin, 2 mos.  
 ———— '76, Mrs. Mary Mead.  
 Jan. 4, '77, Albert Terhune, 82.  
 Feb. 1, '77, Luther Carey.  
 Feb. 21, '77, John Merselis, 68.  
 Apr. 2, '77, Mrs. Caroline I. Messenger, 53.  
 Apr. 30, '77, John Henry Berry, 26.  
 May '77, Ira S. Ackerman, 23.  
 May 17, '77, Carrie, infant child of Jane Sisco, 2 mos.  
 June 29, '77, Betsy Berdan, wife of Richard Berdan.  
 Oct. 21, '77, Bridget Stagg, wife of John Stagg, 73, 3, 10.  
 Dec. 10, '77, Isaac Mattanio.  
 Jan. 17, '78, Jennie Ackerman Wiseman.  
 Feb. 9, '78, Mrs. Mary Ann Todd.  
 Apr. 12, '78, ———— Fuller.  
 May 9, '78, Timothy I. Darcy, 88.  
 Jan. 14, '79, Martin Sheppard, 35.  
 Jan. 27, '79, James Perkins, 1.  
 Feb. 21, '79, Joseph Perkins, 22.  
 Feb. 23, '79, Uriah J. Van Riper, 67.  
 Mch. 2, '79, Bridget Hennion, 69.  
 Mch. 16, '79, Maggie Bensen, 12.  
 Mch. 18, '79, Ann Salver, 87.  
 June 17, '79, Albert Smith, 47.  
 July 16, '79, Mary Winters, 68.  
 Aug. 16, '79, Mary Martha Ackerman, 0, 2, 2.  
 Nov. 25, '79, Susan Jane Ackerman, 18, 0, 1.  
 Feb. 21, '80, Sarah Darcy, 81.  
 Mch. 18, '80, John Romaine, 27.

- Apr. 22, '80, Charity Roat, 26.  
 May 6, '80, Ella Goss Littlefield, 6.  
 July 7, '80, Sarah Smith, 83.  
 July 24, '80, Sarah Ann Vail.  
 Aug. 31, '80, Bernard Doremus, 6.  
 Sept. 7, '80, Walter Lee, 12.  
 Sept. 8, '80, Lenora De Croker, 23.  
 Feb. 22, '81, Chrissie M. Lewis, 30.  
 Mch. 16, '81, John I. Traphagen, 78.  
 June 14, '81, Hester A. Martin, 46.  
 June 19, '81, William Redner, 60.  
 July 1, '81, Janette Allen, 24.  
 July 15, '81, Gracie Cahill, 1½ yrs.  
 Aug. 21, '81, Bertha Jackson (colored), 1.  
 Nov. 18, '81, Thomas Buckley, 29.  
 Feb. 25, '82, Robert Martin, 75.  
 Apr. 23, '82, Matilda Allen, 59.  
 June 25, '82, Joseph Hinchman, 8 mos.  
 July 25, '82, Mary E. Post, 24.  
 Sept. 9, '82, David Masker, 17.  
 Sept. 20, '82, Andrew H. Van Riper, 47.  
 Mch. 8, '83, Marietta Barnes, 10 mos. Port Jervis.  
 Mch. 10, '83, Peter Post, 68, (Sexton for 27 years.)  
 June 30, '83, Mary A. Carey, 61.  
 July 23, '83, Ida Räter, 7.  
 Sept. 9, '83, Eddie Trail, 18.  
 ———— Herbert Grundy, 21.  
 ———— Child of John Taylor, 10 days.  
 Nov. 2, '84, Mrs. Robert Martin, 75.  
 Nov. 7, '84, Mrs. John V. Hennion, 63.  
 Nov. 14, '84, Venie Doremus, 2, 10, 0.  
 Nov. 23, '84, Harry Ackerman, 2.  
 Feb. 19, '85, Infant of Louis Räter, 10 hours.  
 Mch. 19, '85, Elizabeth Barker, 83.  
 Mch. 20, '85, Grace M. Bishop, 16.  
 May 24, '85, Josiah Osborn, 68.  
 June 16, '85, Elizabeth Blake, 78.  
 June 18, '85, Edward Bond, 2 mos.  
 Feb. 11, '86, Nathan Campbell, 72.  
 ———— Mrs. Merrenus, 68.  
 July 16, '86, Mrs. Helen Post.

- Aug. 14, '86, Jennie Post, 6 weeks.  
 Sept. 16, '86, Annie Cook, 10, 6, 0.  
 Oct. 23, '86, Robt. Torbet, 75.  
 Nov. 27, '86, Charity Bishop, 56.  
 Dec. 13, '86, Serena Terhune, 13.  
 Feb. 6, '87, Peter D. Smith, 64.  
 Mch. 16, '87, Mary E. Nesmith, 56.  
 Sept. 19, '87, Mrs. B. R. Cisco, 76, 6, 14.  
 Nov. 8, '87, Mrs. P. G. Merselis.  
 Feb. 4, '88, Mrs. John Ackerman.  
 May 17, '88, Charlotte Washborn.  
 Aug. 1, '88, Preston Hopper, 9 mos.  
 Aug. 25, '88, Child of Mr. Beard.  
 Feb. 22, '89, Rebecca Berdan.  
 Mch. 8, '89, Richard J. Berdan.  
 Nov. 30, '89, Wm. A. Braddock, 74, 10, 11.  
 May 19, '90, Ida May Snook, 17.  
 July 10, '90, Mary C. (Brown) Smith, col'd, 43.  
 Oct. 11, '90, Annie Swartz, 5.  
 Oct. 19, '90, George Washington Swartz, 2, 18, 0.  
 Nov. 5, '90, Samuel Van Orden, 57, 9, 1.  
 Feb. 7, '91, A German infant, 13 mos. Parents at H. K. Berry's.  
 Feb. 28, '91, Amelia Jane (Shannon) Post, widow of Peter C. Post, 69, 10, 7.  
 Mch. 11, '91, Jerome Keiley, 40. Haledon.  
 Apr. 23, '91, Wm. Cahill, 66. Elder.  
 Aug. 24, '91, Eliza (Davis), wife of Stephen D. Aber, 74.  
 Aug. 30, '91, Peter G. Merselis, 76.  
 Nov. 23, '91, Jennie Bensen, 30, 3, 0.  
 Dec. 23, '91, William Briggs, 87, 6, 23.  
 Dec. 25, '91, John Henry Davis, in 77th year.  
 Feb. 5, '92, Anna (Banta), widow of Uriah J. Van Riper, 78.  
 Feb. 6, '92, Joseph Foster, 75. Black Oak Ridge.  
 Mch. 2, '92, Karolina Krupsky, (Mrs. Eichwalt), 66, 3, 6.  
 Mch. 7, '92, Peter Shirts, 43.  
 Apr. 29, '92, Helæn Ann (Bensen) Doremus. Mrs. Wm. D. Doremus, 67, 10, 26.  
 May 2, '92, Christina Berry, child of C. K. Berry, 6 mos.  
 May 8, '92, Charles Baird, 24. Black Oak Ridge.  
 May 25, '92, John Craven, 51.



- Oct. 7, '92, Susannah S. (Hinchman) Clarke, 47 yrs. Brooklyn.
- Nov. 13, '92, James I. Fredericks, father of Mrs. A. E. Anderson, 75.
- Nov. 17, '92, Daisy Hopper, 17. Riverside, Paterson.
- Dec. 3, '92, Frank W. Briggs, 37, 4, 6.
- Jan. 2, '93, Edward Smith, 21. White Hall.
- Jan. 7, '93, Harry Suthoff, 3, 10, 25.
- Jan. 16, '93, Hannah Maria House, 57.
- Jan. 23, '93, Hester (Ackerman) Thompson, 45.
- Feb. 7, '93, Stephen D. Aber, 79, 4, 12.
- Apr. 6, '93, Infant child of A. E. Anderson, 2 days.
- Aug. 7, '93, Ruth Ward Briggs, 0, 8, 20.
- Aug. 14, '93, Thomas Hudson, 69, 7, 0.
- Aug. 16, '93, Sarah Rebecca Wedlake, 7 mos.
- Oct. —, '93, John Edward De Bow.
- Nov. 8, '93, George Barnes, 4 mos.
- Jan. 20, '94, Ida May De Bow, 1, 10, 4.
- Feb. 7, '94, Mary (Elmer) Hines, wife of James Hines, 22.
- Mch. 9, '94, James French, 7.
- Mch. 13, '94, Jennie Martin, 1, 2, 0. Child of Frank Martin.
- Apr. 27, '94, Amy Post, 8 mos. Paterson.
- July 1, '94, Mrs. Peter Sisco, 48.
- July 30, '94, Henry K. Berry, 70.
- Aug. 16, '94, John Birchenough, 74, 2, 10.
- Sept. 4, '94, Jeremiah R. Berdan, 64.
- Oct. 26, '94, W. Oakley Roat, Esq., 74.
- Dec. 21, '94, James Leigh, 86.
- Feb. 26, '95, Catharine (Waite) Doremus, wife of C. O. Doremus, 71.
- Mch. 16, '95, Alu Hall, 71.
- Mch. 20, '95, Sarah (Miller) wife of James Ackerman.
- Apr. 3, '95, Eliza Thompson (col'd), 70.
- June 15, '95, Garret Berdan, 95.
- Sept. 19, '95, C. O. Doremus, 75.
- Sept. 22, '95, August Dollbaum, 55.
- Oct. 1, '95, Harold T. Smith, 0, 8, 20.
- Nov. 16, '95, Henry Redner, 70.
- Jan. 16, '96, Mrs. Mary Williamson, 60.
- Jan. 25, '96, Emma Matilda (Van Ripper), wife of Frank Martin, 33.

- Feb. 10, '96, John H. Doremus, 72, 3, 10.  
 Mch. 1, '96, John De Witt, 72, 10, 21.  
 May 22, '96, Edward H. Johnson, 66. Spring Valley, N. Y.  
 May 23, '96, Irena Lennen, 5½ mos.  
 Aug. 26, '96, John Dotterweich, 68.  
 Aug. 27, '96, John Ackerman, 81, 7, 2.  
 Oct. 21, '96, Fenly Barber (col'd), 8 mos.  
 Jan. 3, '97, Maria Torbet, 76, 10, 0.  
 Jan. 16, '97, Roy Sylvester Wheeler, 11 mos.  
 Jan. 17, '97, Wm. Sisco, 76.  
 Feb. 9, '97, Thomas Tintle, 71, 7, 9.  
 Apr. 3, '97, Clifford Blauvelt Merselis, 5 mos., son of John D. Merselis.  
 Apr. 23, '97, Anna Heizman, 3½ yrs.  
 May 1, '97, Eleanor May Roat, 8, 7, 7.  
 June 30, '97, Robt. Birchenough, 8, 2, 10.  
 July 19, '97, James Wilmer Berry, 0, 6, 10, child of Harry Berry.  
 Nov. 3, '97, Frank Birchenough, 24, 5, 4.  
 Nov. 7, '97, Maria Maybe, 76.  
 Nov. 26, '97, Emley Fichter, 8 mos.  
 Dec. 26, '97, Felix Fichter, 2, 4, 3.  
 Jan. 1, '98, Mary Louisa Berdan, 39, 6, 3, daughter of Jacob R. Berdan.  
 Jan. 18, '98, Hartman C. Vreeland, 59.  
 Feb. 24, '98, Erminie Martin, 31.  
 Apr. 3, '98, Adrian C. Post, 73.  
 Apr. 3, '98, Clara Cahill, 32.  
 Sept. 20, '98, Mary Ann (Doremus) Van Saun, 92.  
 Oct. 19, '98, Infant McFarland, 3 weeks.  
 Mch. 12, '99, Martha (Sickles) Traphagen, widow of John I. Traphagen, 89.  
 Mch. 24, '99, Amelia (Haenael) Müller. Mrs. Geo. Müller, 58.  
 Apr. 20, '99, George Braddock, 0, 6, 3.  
 July 19, '99, Arthur Rentz, 3. Burned with house.  
 Sept. 12, '99, Richard P. Van Riper, 32.  
 Dec. 7, '99, Paul Everitt, 2 yrs, 2 weeks.  
 Dec. 31, '99, Mabel (Ostrander) Tintle. Mrs. Harry Tintle, 22.  
 Feb. 15, '00, Infant Rentz, 8 days.  
 Mch. 2, '00, Annie Ackerman, 43.  
 May 17, '00, John S. Hinchman, 83, 2, 11.

- July 28, '00, Rebecca Berdan, 78. Run over by cars at Hackensack.  
 Sept. 15, '00, Infant son of Fred and Fanny Berdan, 1 day.  
 Nov. 22, '00, Philip H. Kamp, 75.  
 Oct. 26, '00, Alexander Wanless, 75.  
 Feb. 20, '01, Nellie (Crozier), wife of J. H. Sisco, Jr., 28.  
 Mch. 6, '01, Jacob R. Berdan, in 68th year. Elder.  
 Mch. 19, '01, Pearl Ackerman, 7 weeks.  
 Apr. 24, '01, Mary Ann (Walden) Romaine, 76, 10, 13.  
 June 7, '01, Randolph L. Conklin, 9 days.  
 July 2, '01, Frank Maier, 47.  
 July 31, '01, Joseph Jackson, 68.  
 Aug. 20, '01, Andrew P. Hopper, in 57th year.  
 Aug. 30, '01, Katie M. Gibb, 10, 2, 0.  
 Nov. 7, '01, Margaret, widow of John L. Wilson.  
 Nov. 22, '01, Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of Josiah Osborne, 84.  
 Dec. 2, '01, Henry Vail, 65.  
 Dec. 10, '01, Thomas H. Macdonald, 37. Woodcliff, N. J.  
 Mch. 5, '02, Joseph McBride, 52 yrs. Lived near Morristown.  
     Buried here.  
 Mch. 9, '02, Clinton Allen, in 74th year, at Stockholm, N. J.  
     Buried here.  
 Apr. 23, '02, Jesse Orts, 25 yrs. Smallpox. Died at Newark.  
     Buried here.  
 July 20, '02, Robert Martin, 67.  
 Sept. 11, '02, Fulford Folsom Mowel, 6 mos.  
 Sept. 11, '02, Samuel Hall, 74.

## ABBREVIATED TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS.

## INSCRIPTIONS IN THE OLD BURYING GROUND BACK OF PREAKNESS CHURCH.

- Ackerman, James; d. Nov. 13, 1831, aged 55, 10, 19.  
 Ackerman, John P., son of Peter I. and Rachel A. Ackerman; d. Apr. 19, 1848, aged 1, 5, 12.  
 Ackerman, Mary, wife of Albert Berdan; d. Jan. 10, 1843, aged 71, 1, 27.  
 Ackerman, Susan M., daughter of John and Jane Ackerman; d. Feb. 10, 1865, aged 12, 2, 29.  
 Ackerman, two infant children of Andrew and Margaret Ackerman.  
*Barritt, Elizabeth Petry.* See Petry, Elizabeth.  
 Barrett, Sarah Petry, wife of Thomas Barritt; d. July 2, 1865, aged 22, 2, 7.  
 Bellue, Catharine, wife of Jacob D. Berdan; d. Sept. 30, 1843, aged 79, 5, 17.  
 Berdan, Albert; d. Oct. 2, 1837, aged 70, 5, 21.  
 Berdan, Albert, son of Jacob G. and Martha Berdan; d. Nov. 16, 1854, aged 3, 5, 20.  
 Berdan, Albert V., son of Garret and Rebecca Berdan; d. Apr. 5, 1839, aged 13, 2, 7.  
*Berdan, Ann Van Houten.* See Van Houten, Anna.  
*Berdan, Catharine Bellue.* See Bellue, Catharine.  
 Berdan, Catharine Demarest, wife of Jacob A. Berdan; d. Nov. 23, 1857, aged 67, 0, 18.  
 Berdan, Caty, wife of Isaac Van Derhoof; d. Oct. 8, 1828, aged 26, 4, 22.  
 Berdan, Gertrude, wife of Peter Voorhees; b. March 8, 1771, d. May 30, 1815.

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NOTE.—For convenience of reference the names in all these inscriptions are arranged alphabetically. The names written in Italics are those of married women, given a second time, to show, where it is indicated, their family connection. In a few instances, on family monuments, we find the names and birth dates of people who are yet living, and we have copied these as we have the others. In these lists, we have confined ourselves as nearly as possible to names and figures. The figures giving ages are according to arrangement for years, months, and days. Of course there are many graves in all the different burying grounds, which have no headstones, and consequently no inscriptions, and these we have passed over.

- Berdan, Jacob; d. Oct. 25, 1829, aged 83, 6, 28.  
 Berdan, Jacob; d. Sept. 26, 1863, aged 79, 7, 14.  
 Berdan, Jacob, son of Richard J. and Elizabeth Berdan; d. Oct. 25, 1830, aged 3, 1, 13.  
 Berdan, Jacob A.; d. June 11, 1875, aged 84, 10, 1.  
 Berdan, Jacob D.; d. Nov. 29, 1815, aged 69, 7, 10.  
 Berdan, Mary, wife of Uriah R. Van Riper; d. July 23, 1832, aged 63, 9, 19,  
*Berdan, Mary Ackerman.* See Ackerman, Mary.  
 Berdan, Rebecca, daughter of Jacob and Catharine Berdan; d. Oct. 20, 1820, aged 2, 2, 3.  
*Berdan, Rebecca Ryerson.* See Ryerson, Rebecca.  
*Billue, Henrietta.* See Van Orden, Henrietta Billue.  
 Blakely, Eliza, wife of John Elison; d. Aug. 18, 1832, aged 18, 0, 17.  
 Care, Sarah, wife of William Packer; d. Apr. 10, 1841, aged 66, 1, 28.  
 Carlough, Harman; d. July 31, 1841, aged 84.  
 Carlough, Maria, wife of Harmanes Carlough; d. Nov. 5, 1847, aged 78.  
 Cooper, Ann Van Orden, wife of Henry Cooper; d. Nov. 17, 1815, in her 49th year.  
 Cooper, Henry; d. May 21, 1844, aged 83, 0, 2.  
 Daniel, John; d. May 19, 1857, aged 31, 10, 15.  
 Daniel, John F., son of John Daniel; d. Oct. 23, 1858, aged 1, 4, 2.  
 De Gray, Ellen, widow of Garret Merselis; d. Apr. 20, 1848, aged 67, 4, 10.  
*Demarest, Catharine.* See Berdan, Catharine.  
 De Wit, Maria, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth De Wit; d. Sept. 28, 1820, aged 1, 2, 18.  
 De Witt, Peter; d. Sept. 28, 1836, aged 49, 5, 11.  
 De Wit, Peter, son of Peter and Elizabeth De Wit; d. Apr. 11, 1812, aged 1, 3, 26.  
 De Wit, Uriah, son of Peter and Elizabeth De Wit; d. Sept. 27, 1820, aged 4, 9, 16.  
 De Witt, Uriah Van Riper, son of Peter and Elizabeth De Witt; d. Nov. 28, 1828 (illegible.)  
*Doremus, Catharine.* See Walden, Catharine Doremus.  
 Doremus, Jacob B.; d. Nov. 12, 1825, aged 66, 10, 24.  
 Doremus, Margaret, wife of George Doremus; d. June 26, 1810, aged 83, 9, 3.

- Doremus, Maria Ryerson.* See Ryerson, Maria.
- Eckerman, Elizabeth, wife of James G. Eckerman; d. March 13, 1834, aged 90, 0, 8.
- Eckerman, James G.; d. May 1, 1823, aged 82, 5, 8.
- Elison, Eliza Blakely.* See Blakely, Eliza.
- Folly, Christian, son of Henry and Hester Folly; d. March 15, 1829, aged 0, 7, 5.
- Folly, Elias; d. July 23, 1826, aged 50, 1, 21.
- Gardner, Charles; d. July 10, 1864, aged 53, 3, 3.
- Haring, Alty, wife of Mindert Maby; d. Oct. 20, 1839, aged 74, 8, 2.
- Haring, Garret P.; d. Jan. 19, 1851, aged 66, 4, 19.
- Haring, Jane, wife of Garret P. Haring; d. June 1, 1850, aged 65, 7, 21.
- Hennion, Libby, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Hennion; d. Nov. 15, 1856, aged 1, 10, 0.
- Hennion, Willie, son of Jacob and Margaret Hennion; d. March 3, 1858, aged 1, 7, 0.
- Hogan, Ellen, daughter of John and Sara Hogan; d. Nov. 24, 1824, aged 20, 9, 24.
- Hogan, Harriet Ann, daughter of John D. and Margaret Hogan; d. March 30, 1840, aged 5, 7, 4.
- Hogan, John; d. May 31, 1835, aged 57, 10, 15.
- Hogan, Margaret, daughter of John and Sarah Hogan; d. July 13, 1833, aged 24, 3, 9.
- Hogan, Sarah, wife of John Hogan; d. Apr. 29, 1854, aged 80, 8, 4.
- Hopper, Anna Eliza, daughter of William H. and Cornelia Hopper; d. Feb. 7, 1855, aged 0, 3, 14.
- Hopper, Eliza A. Hinchman, daughter of William H. and Cornelia Hopper; d. Nov. 11, 1856, aged 0, 5, 19.
- Hopper, Ella Nora, daughter of William H. and Cornelia Hopper; d. Dec. 18, 1858, aged 1, 3, 18.
- Hopper, John Hinchman, son of William H. and Cornelia Hopper; d. Aug. 5, 1856, aged 0, 2, 13.
- Hyzer, Emma; d. Apr. 16, 1856, aged 7, 10, 23.
- Hyzer, John; d. July 2, 1854, aged 65, 8, 11.
- Jenner, John, son of William and Sophia Jenner; d. Sept. 3, 1830, aged 6, 2, 27.
- Jenner, William; d. May 7, 1835, aged 32, 4, 12.
- Maby, Alty Haring.* See Haring, Alty.
- Maby, Mindert; d. Oct. 12, 1852, aged 91, 8, 0.

- Marinus, Hester, wife of David I. Marinus; d. July 16, 1853, aged 45, 4, 15.
- Mead, Henry I., son of Henry and Mary Mead; d. Jan. 31, 1848, aged 0, 2, 20.
- Merseiles, Arianche, wife of Edo Merseiles; d. May 20, 1813, aged 80, 11, 20.
- Merseles, Cornelius, Esqr.; d. Oct. 21, 1840, aged 77, 7, 7.
- Merseiles, Edo; d. Oct. 12, 1799, aged 70, 8, 15.
- Merselis, Ellen, daughter of Garret and Lany Merselis; d. Sept. 3, 1820, aged 1, 8, 28.
- Merselis, Ellen Degray.* See Degray, Ellen.
- Merselis, Garret; d. Apr. 2, 1843, aged 65, 5, 28.
- Mersielis, Harriett; b. Oct. 16, 1790, d. Dec. 29, 1860.
- Mersielis, Iddo C.; b. March 18, 1795, d. Nov. 2, 1834.
- Merselis, Jane, wife of Cornelius E. Merselis, and daughter of Garret and Ellen Merselis; d. Nov. 20, 1832, aged 29, 4, 6.
- Merselis, Mary, wife of Adrian Van Riper, and daughter of Garret and Ellen Merselis; d. July 12, 1823, aged 22, 4, 25.
- Mersieles, Maria Post.* See Post, Maria.
- Merselis, William Sickles, son of Peter and Eleanor Merselis; d. March 11, 1848, aged 0, 8, 11.
- Merselis, Willie, son of Gilbert F. and Sarah M. Merselis; d. Aug. 9, 1866, aged 2, 2, 0.
- Miller, Ervin; d. Feb. 25, 1861, aged 34, 5, 6.
- Minns, John; d. Jan. 25, 1856, aged 81, 0, 8.
- Packer, Sarah.* See Care, Sarah.
- Packer, William; d. Jan. 26, 1843, aged 72, 2, 14.
- Petry, Abraham, son of Frederick and Sarah Petry; d. Apr. 17, 1871, in his 23d year.
- Petry, Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Barritt; d. Nov. 2, 1869, aged 23, 10, 20.
- Petry, Fredrick; d. Dec. 3, 1864, aged 63, 1, 12.
- Petry, Hannah, daughter of Frederick and Sarah Petry; d. Sept. 13, 1866, in her 34th year.
- Petry, infant son of George F. and Sarah Petry; d. May 15, 1850.
- Petry, Margaret Ann, daughter of George F. and Sarah Petry; d. Feb. 1, 1852, aged 4, 7, 2.
- Petry, Peter F.; d. Sept. 23, 1851, aged 22, 0, 24.
- Petry, Sally, wife of Fredrick Petry; b. March 25, 1801, d. Apr. 8, 1894.
- Petry, Sarah, wife of Thomas Barritt. See Barritt, Sarah Petry.

- Post, Maria, wife of Cornelius Mersieles, Esqr.; d. Nov. 15, 1841, aged 76, 2, 17.
- Redner, Catharine, wife of John Redner; d. Feb. 8, 1862, aged 71, 6, 6.
- Redner, Henry; d. Sept. 24, 1851, aged 71, 10, 0.
- Redner, John; d. March 29, 1856, aged 62, 7, 29.
- Redner, Sary, wife of Henry Redner; d. Dec. 14, 1802, aged 23, 0, 24.
- Romaine, Elias A.; b. Jan. 22, 1857, d.
- Romaine, Mary Ann, wife of Elias A. Romaine; b. June 11, 1824, d. Apr. 24, 1901.
- Russell, Mary Isebeller, daughter of John G. and Gertrude Russell; d. Aug. 27, 1845, aged 1, 2, 0.
- Ryerson, Maria, wife of Francis Doremus; d. June 6, 1843, aged 32, 10, 1.
- Ryerson, Rebecca, wife of Jacob Berdan; d. May 1, 1819, aged 78, 6, 24.
- Sip, Arianche. See Merselis, Arianche.
- Speer, Benjamin, son of Jacob B. and Maria Speer; d. Aug. 19, 1841, aged 2, 0, 22.
- Speer, Hester Mariah, daughter of Jacob B. and Mariah Spear; d. Feb. 8, 1830, aged 1, 10, 8.
- Speer, Jacob B.; d. July 15, 1844, aged 42, 2, 3.
- Speer, Maria Van Winkle, wife of Jacob B. Speer; d. Sept. 25, 1842, aged 34, 10, 27.
- Speer, Rachel, wife of Richard Speer; d. Oct. 9, 1812, in her 23d year.
- Speer, Simeon, son of Jacob B. and Maria Speer; d. May 29, 1834, aged 3, 11, 8.
- Taylor, Emily, daughter of Anthony and Lizzie Taylor; d. July 13, 1868, aged 6 mos.
- Tearman, William; d. Jan. 7, 1818, aged 54, 4, 27.
- Van Blarcom, David; d. Dec. 31, 1804, aged 71, 2, 25.
- Van Blarcom, Martha, wife of Andrew Van Orden; d. Jan. 21st, 1830, aged 97.
- Van Derhoof, Caty Berdan.* See Berdan, Caty.
- Van Houten, Anna, wife of Jacob Berdan; d. Dec. 11, 1838, aged 62, 3, 0.
- Van Nurden, Andrew; d. March 16, 1811, aged 71, 4, 17.
- Van Nurden, Catharine, wife of John Van Nurden; d. March 13, 1815, aged 51, 2, 28.



- Van Orden, Ann.* See Cooper, Ann Van Orden.
- Van Orden, Elizabeth, wife of Richard Van Riper; d. Oct. 30, 1828, aged 51, 7, 19.
- Van Orden, Henrietta Billue, wife of Lawrence Van Orden; d. May 24, 1815, aged 45, 10, 21.
- Van Orden, Martha Van Blarcom.* See Van Blarcom, Martha.
- Van Riper, Elizabeth Van Orden.* See Van Orden, Elizabeth.
- Van Riper, Jacob, son of Uriah and Anna Van Riper; d. Nov. 9, 1840, aged 2, 7, 29.
- Van Riper, Jacob B.; d. Dec. 1, 1856, aged 67, 11, 0.
- Van Riper, John Jacob, son of Uriah J. and Anna Van Riper; d. Oct. 3, 1848, aged 6, 11, 16.
- Van Riper, Leah Ann, daughter of Jacob B. and Mary Van Riper; d. Sept. 7, 1821, aged 5, 2, 21.
- Van Riper, Mary; d. Apr. 21, 1867, aged 77, 4, 10.
- Van Riper, Mary,* wife of Adrian Van Riper. See Merselis, Mary.
- Van Riper, Mary Berdan.* See Berdan, Mary.
- Van Riper, Richard; d. Apr. 24, 1807, aged 72, 10, 24.
- Van Riper, Richard; d. Jan. 22, 1841, aged 62, 9, 6.
- Van Riper Richard, son of Uriah J. and Anna Van Riper; d. Oct. 11, 1848, aged 2, 4, 0.
- Van Riper, Uriah; d. June 10, 1840, aged 77, 2, 15.
- Van Winkle, Maria.* See Speer, Maria Van Winkle.
- Victor, Dorcas; d. Jan. 31, 1852, aged 83, 0, 14.
- Vliet, David A., infant son of Abraham and Jane Vliet; d. Sept. 6, 1833.
- Voorhees, Albert P.; d. Dec. 2, 1819, aged 25, 0, 23.
- Voorhees, Gertrude Berdan.* See Berdan, Gertrude.
- Voorhees, Peter A.; b. May 28, 1773; d. June 1, 1860.
- Walden, Catharine Doremus, wife of John Walden; d. Oct. 3, 1854, aged 55, 2, 11.
- Woodley, Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann Woodley; d. Nov. 2, 1860, aged 5, 6, 21.

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INSCRIPTIONS IN THE NEW CEMETERY, SOUTH OF CHURCH.

- Ackerman, Elizabeth Jane.* See Prine, Elizabeth Jane.
- Ackerman, Ira S.; d. May 12, 1877, aged 23, 1, 25. Nephew of Daniel G. and Elizabeth Jane Ackerman.
- Aiton, Jean, wife of James Swan; d. Oct. 21, 1896, aged 65 years.

- Allen, Matilda C., wife of Clinton W. Allen; d. Apr. 23, 1882, aged 59 years.
- Allen, Nettie, only daughter of Clinton W. and Matilda C. Allen; d. June 29, 1881, aged 24.
- Allen, Clinton W.; d. March 9, 1902, aged 74.
- Babcock, Charles, of U. S. S. Savannah; d. Nov. 30, 1891, aged 49.
- Babcock, Mrs. George.* See Hyzer, Abby.
- Banta, Anna.* See Van Riper, Anna Banta.
- Barnes, Eddie, son of George and Cassie Barnes; b. Apr. 21, 1885, d. June 17, 1885.
- Barnes, Etta, daughter of George and Cassie Barnes; b. May 23, 1882, d. Mch. 8, 1883.
- Bensen, David; b. Oct. 7, 1823, d.
- Bensen, Jane Van Houten, wife of David Bensen; b. Oct. 29, 1828, d.
- Bensen, Jennie, daughter of David and Jane Bensen; d. Nov. 23, 1891, in her 31st year.
- Bensen, Maggie, daughter of Albert and Sophia Bensen; d. Mch. 14, 1879, in her 13th year.
- Berdan, Clarence, son of James D. and Mary C. Berdan; d. Feb. 1, 1870, aged 8 months and 2 days.
- Berdan, Elizabeth. Mrs. Richard J.; d. June 29, 1877, aged 69, 6, 3.
- Berdan, Garret; d. June 15, 1895, in his 95th year.
- Berdan, Little Irving, son of Jeremiah R. and Sophia Berdan; d. Oct. 18, 1865, aged 6, 0, 10.
- Berdan, Margaret.* See Hennion, Margaret Berdan.
- Berdan, Mary Catharine Mead, Mrs. James D. Berdan; d. Sept. 24, 1870, aged 33, 0, 12.
- Berdan, Rebecca, wife of Garret Berdan; d. Feb. 22, 1889, in her 87th year.
- Berdan, Richard J.; d. Mch. 8, 1889, aged 84, 6, 9.
- Berdan, Walter, son of James D. and Kate Berdan; d. Nov. 30, 1878, aged 1, 3, 6.
- Berry, Alf, infant son of Martin H. and Kittie A. Berry; d. July 23, 1871, aged 4 months and 7 days.
- Berry, Chrissie, daughter of C. and M. B.; b. Oct. 26, 1891, d. May 2, 1892.
- Berry, Christina M.* See Lewis, Christina M. Berry, daughter of Henry K. and Maria Stagg Berry.

- Berry, Cornelius K., son of Martin H. and Rachel Berry; d. June 26, 1856, aged 25, 9, 25.
- Berry, Henry K.; d. July 30, 1894, aged 70, 9, 6.
- Berry, John H.; d. Apr. 26, 1877, aged 26, 1, 26.
- Berry, Maria Stagg, wife of Henry K. Berry.
- Berry, Martin H.; d. Dec. 29, 1857, aged 89, 6, 0.
- Berry, Rachel Kip, wife of Martin H. Berry; d. Feb. 23, 1859, aged 63, 11, 8.
- Berry, Wilmer, son of H. M. and M. Berry; b. Jan. 9, 1897, d. July 19, 1897.
- Bishop, Emma, daughter of James and Charity Bishop; d. Mch. 16, 1867, aged 5 days.
- Bishop, Grace M., daughter of same; d. Mch. 18, 1885.
- Bishop, May, daughter of same; d. Nov. 23, 1875, aged 11 months.
- Bishop, Mary, daughter of same; d. Jan. 11, 1873, aged 8 months and 19 days.
- Two inscriptions as follows:  
B. J. M.—C. M. M.
- Braddock, Harry, infant son of Joseph and Maggie Braddock; aged 7 mos., 13 days.
- Carey, Luther; 1814-1877.
- Carey, Mary A., wife of Luther Carey; 1822-1883.
- Cahill, William; d. Apr. 23, 1891, aged 66.
- Clarke, Sue, daughter of Frederick W. and Susanna S. Clarke; d. Aug. 12, 1873, aged 1, 0, 16.
- Clarke, Susanna Hinchman, wife of F. W. Clarke, and daughter of John S. and Maria S. Hinchman; b. Jan. 26, 1845, d. Oct. 7, 1892.
- Cocoron, Hannah.* See Post, Hannah Cocoron.
- Cocoron, Henry; d. Feb. 25, 1865, aged 89, 9, 4.
- Daniel, Daniel, son of John and Margaret Daniel; b. Oct. 15, 1876, d. Dec. 15, 1879.
- Daniel, John; b. Sept. 6, 1835, d. Sept. 24, 1892.
- Daniel, Johnnie, son of John and Margaret Daniel; b. Apr. 3, 1879; d. Sept. 2, 1879.
- Daniel, Mary, daughter of same; b. Oct. 15, 1876, d. Dec. 15, 1879.
- Daniel, Mary, wife of Samuel Daniel; b. Mch. 2, 1811, d.
- Daniel, Samuel; b. Aug. 5, 1790, d. Dec. 13, 1869.
- De Crocker, James; b. Jan. 28, 1854, d. Jan. 15, 1897.
- De Crocker, Leonora Smith, wife of James De Crocker; b. Jan. 11, 1858; d. Sept. 6, 1880.

- Demarest, David; d. Mch. 16, 1890, in his 88th year.
- Demarest, Mrs. David.* See Powlison, Maria.
- Demarest, Sophia A.; b. May 31, 1842, d. July 1, 1892.
- Doremus, Charity; 1802-1855, daughter of John G. Doremus.
- Doremus, Hellen Ann, wife of William D. Doremus; 1825-1892.
- Doremus, John; 1816-1860, son of John G. Doremus.
- Doremus, John G.; 1773-1853.
- Doremus, Mary Ann, wife of John G. Doremus; 1775-1864.
- Doremus, William D.; 1819-.
- Dotterweich, Caroline, aged 16; Augusta, 14, 6, 0; Maggie, 13; Philip, 9, 10, 0; Barbara, 6, 6, 0, children of John and Jacobinn Dotterweich, who were all drowned at the same time, in the presence of their agonized parents, who were unable to save them, by the breaking of the ice, Dec. 13, 1874.
- Fair, Mrs. Samuel.* See Van Winkle, Elizabeth R.
- Fox, Mary.* See Winters, Mary Fox.
- Garside, Abram.
- Garside, Esther, wife of Abram Garside; d. May 22, 1876, in her 78th year.
- Grundy, Herbert, son of John and Hannah Grundy; d. June 9, 1884, aged 20, 10, 25.
- Hennion, Bridget.* See Van Riper, Bridget Hennion.
- Hennion, Jacob D.; b. Oct. 4, 1811, d. July 11, 1885.
- Hennion, Margaret Berdan, wife of Jacob D. Hennion; b. June 25, 1826, d. Apr. 21, 1861.
- Hesketh, Mary Ann; d. Aug. 31, 1886, aged 58 years.
- Hinchman, Charles S.; b. Nov. 4, 1858, d.
- Hinchman, Henry, son of John S. and Maria S. Hinchman; b. Sept. 17, 1857, d. Nov. 5, 1872.
- Hinchman, James S., son of John S. and Maria S. Hinchman; b. Sept. 1, 1851, d. Jan. 3, 1873.
- Hinchman, John S.; b. Mch. 6, 1817, d. May 17, 1900.
- Hinchman, Josie, son of C. S. and H. M. Hinchman; d. June 22, 1882, aged 8 mos.
- Hinchman, J. W.; b. Oct. 23, 1863, d.
- Hinchman, Maria Spear, Mrs. J. S.; b. June 11, 1820, d. Apr. 30, 1873.
- Hinchman, Sally, wife of John Rickey; d. Dec. 8, 1872, aged 96.
- Hinchman, Susanna. See Clarke, Susanna Hinchman.
- Hopper, Daisy; d. Nov. 17, 1892, aged 16, 4, 11.

- Hopper, Hannah, wife of Henry Hopper; d. July 14, 1868, aged 68, 3, 19.
- Hudson, Thomas; d. Aug. 14, 1893, aged 69, 7, 0.
- Hunter, Mary, only daughter of Archibald and Margaret Hunter; d. Feb. 18, 1878, in her 6th year.
- Hyzer, Abby, wife of George Babcock; d. Oct. 8, 1867.
- Hyzer, Mrs. John.* See Winans, Abby.
- Jacobus, Wilhelmina.* See Van Winkle, Wilhelmina Jacobus.
- Johnson, Edward H. Mexican war veteran; b. June 24, 1830, d. May 22, 1896.
- Johnson, Little Eddie, son of Edward H. and Mary Margaret Johnson; d. Sept. 3, 1862, aged 1, 6, 8.
- Johnson, Mary Margaret, wife of Edward H.; b. Dec. 11, 1833, d. Feb. 24, 1892.
- Johnson, Newton Taylor, son of Edward H. and Mary Margaret Johnson; d. Mch. 29, 1861, aged 2, 5, 23.
- Kip, Rachel.* See Berry, Rachel Kip.
- Le Jeune, Jimmie, son of Joseph and Martha A. Le Jeune; d. Nov. 22, 1872, aged 7 mos. and 21 days.
- Le Jeune, Martha A. Hinchman, wife of Joseph Le Jeune, and daughter of John S. and Maria S. Hinchman; b. Dec. 1, 1848, d. Jan. 21, 1895.
- Lewis, Christina M. Berry, wife of Harry C. Lewis; d. Feb. 19, 1881, aged 29, 11, 18.
- Littlefield, Andrew Gilesby, son of Charles S. and Adelia A. Littlefield; d. Nov. 12, 1867, aged 2, 6, 4.
- Marinus, Mary A. Suthoff, wife of David Marinus; b. Oct. 8, 1817, d. Dec. 3, 1885.
- Martin, Robert; d. Feb. 22, 1882, aged 77.
- Martin, Sarah, Mrs. Robert; d. Oct. 30, 1884, aged 73.
- Martin, Sarah E., daughter of Robert and Sarah Martin; d. Oct. 20, 1864, aged 18, 8, 10.
- Mead, C. D. Colden; b. Dec. 26, 1823, d. Feb. 8, 1891.
- Mead, Henry I.; d. May 16, 1871, aged 58.
- Mead, Mary Catharine.* See Berdan, Mary Catharine Mead.
- Mead, Mary (Neafie), wife of Henry I. Mead; b. Feb. 19, 1813, d. Sept. 22, 1876.
- Mead, S. Mercelis; d. Nov. 1, 1875, aged 21.
- Merselis, Eleanor F. Sickles, wife of Peter G. Merselis; d. Nov. 8, 1887, aged 72.
- Merselis, Peter G.; d. Aug. 30, 1891, aged 76.

- Miller, Bernard; born in Germany, Sept. 28, 1776, died in Preakness, N. J., Mch. 13, 1864.
- Oakley, Charity.* See Roat, Charity Oakley.
- Parker, William; d. May 20, 1872, aged 45, 4, 27.  
Also Jesse and Maggie.
- Perry, Theodore Edward, son of Theodore S. and Jane Perry; d. Apr. 21, 1865, aged 8 mos., 24 days.
- Perry, Theodore S., son of Theodore S. and Jane Perry; d. Apr. 9, 1892, aged 20, 9, 20.
- Post, Adrain C.; b. Nov. 27, 1824, d. Apr. 3, 1898.
- Post, Catharine, wife of Tunis C. Post; d. May 18, 1878, aged 50, 5, 23.
- Post, Charley, son of Adrain C. and Sarah Post; d. Sept. 28, 1866, aged 11 mos., 23 days.
- Post, Cornelius, son of Tunis C. and Catharine Post; d. Sept. 10, 1852, aged 8 mos., 5 days.
- Post, Cornelius I.; d. Feb. 15, 1854, aged 70, 8, 12.
- Post, Elizabeth, daughter of Cornelius I. and Hannah Post; d. Feb. 24, 1864, aged 43, 7, 1.
- Post, Hannah Corcoron, wife of Cornelius I. Post; d. Dec. 13, 1870, aged 82, 6, 26.
- Post, Hannah Margaret, daughter of Tunis C. and Catharine Post; d. May 14, 1852, aged 2, 10, 12.
- Post, Jane, wife of Peter C. Post; 1821-1891.
- Post, Judson, son of Tunis C. and Catharine Post; d. Mch. 5, 1864, aged 1, 4, 15.
- Post, Mary, daughter of Adrian C. and Sarah Post; d. July 23, 1882, in her 25th year.
- Post, Our Little Luther, son of Tunis C. and Catharine Post.  
1882, in her 25th year.
- Post, Peter C.; 1814-1883.
- Post, Sarah E., daughter of Tunis C. and Catharine Post; d. May 5, 1865, aged 12, 0, 4.
- Post, Sarah Winters, wife of Adrian C.; b. Apr. 4, 1830, d.
- Post, Susan A., daughter of Tunis C. and Catharine Post; d. Jan. 31, 1865, aged 1, 0, 12.
- Post, Tunis C.; d. Jan. 4, 1865, aged 39, 1, 7.
- Powlison, Maria, wife of David Demarest; d. Nov. 12, 1873, aged 62.
- Prine, Elizabeth Jane, wife of Daniel G. Ackerman, and daughter of Peter and Martha Prine; d. Dec. 16, 1856, aged 24, 7, 16.

- Prine, Martha.* See Van Riper, Martha.
- Prine, Henry, a native of France, and a soldier in the Revolutionary war; d. Apr. 19, 1838, in his 87th year.
- Prine, Peter; d. Nov. 12, 1870, in his 76th year.
- Prine, Richard V. R.; Lieut. in Co. E, 13th Engineers, N. J. (This should be N. Y., not N. J.), and son of Peter and Martha Prine; died of typhoid fever at Hilton Head, S. C., Feb. 9, 1862, aged 29, 7, 24.
- Rickey, Mrs. John.* See Hinchman, Sally.
- Roat, Charity, daughter of W. Oakley and Margaret Roat; d. Apr. 18, 1880, aged 26, 3, 26.
- Roat, Charity Oakley, wife of Moses Roat; d. May 9, 1834, aged 34, 2, 18.
- Roat, Eleanor M., daughter of Ira and Mary F. Roat; d. May 1, 1897, aged 8, 7, 8.
- Roat, Margaret, wife of W. Oakley Roat; b. July 7, 1817, d. Apr. 21, 1871, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Van Riper.
- Roat, Nelson, son of W. Oakley and Margaret Roat; b. Feb. 23, 1851, d. July 2, 1870.
- Roat, William Oakley; b. Sept. 14, 1820, d. Oct. 26, 1894.
- Rodgers, Carry, wife of William Rodgers; d. Oct. 4, 1898, aged 41, 1, 10.
- Rodgers, Jennie, daughter of William S. and Carrie Rodgers; d. Mch. 30, 1882, aged 8, 5, 10.
- Romine, Bridget, wife of John Stagg; d. Oct. 21, 1877, aged 73, 3, 9.
- Ryerson, Ada; d. Aug. 1, 1871, aged 4 mos., 20 days.
- Sibeld, Robert; d. Oct. 1, 1870, aged 63 years. A native of Scotland.
- Sickles, Eleanor F.* See Merselis, Eleanor F. Sickles.
- Smith, Albert; d. June 15, 1879, in his 48th year.
- Smith, Leonora.* See De Crocker, Leonora Smith.
- Smith, Peter A.; d. June 8, 1863, aged 72, 10, 8.
- Smith, Peter D.; d. Feb. 2, 1887, aged 64.
- Smith, Sarah, wife of Peter A. Smith; d. July 5, 1880, aged 83.
- Spear, Maria.* See Hinchman, Mrs. John S.
- Stagg, Bridget Romine.* See Romine, Bridget.
- Stagg, Maria.* See Berry, Maria Stagg.
- Steele, Henrietta, wife of William Steele; d. May 31, 1885, aged 33, 0, 15.
- Summerville, Margaret.* See Van Riper, Margaret Summerville.

- Suthoff, Mary A.* See Marinus, Mary A. Suthoff.
- Swan, Jean Aiton.* See Aiton, Jean.
- Tarbox, Abigail C.; b. in Piermont, N. H., d. at Wayne, N. J., Oct. 17, 1889, in her 85th year.
- Tintle, Thomas; b. July 1, 1825, d. Feb. 19, 1897.
- Trayo, Edwin F., son of Peter F. and Julia S. Trayo; b. Oct. 5, 1865, d. Sept. 5, 1883.
- Trotter, Emma Voorhees.* See Voorhees, Emma.
- Trotter, William J.; d. Sept. 15, 1886, aged 23, 4, 7.
- Van Allen, Catharine Ann, daughter of John and Elizabeth Van Allen; d. July 2, 1860, aged 30, 5, 21.
- Van Allen, George Mercer, son of Newton and Alice Van Allen; d. Jan. 15, 1864, aged 2, 3, 6.
- Van Allen, John I.; d. Aug. 20, 1862, aged 58, 11, 0.
- Van Houten, Jane. See Bensen, Jane Van Houten.
- Van Riper, Anna Banta, wife of Uriah J. Van Riper; d. Feb. 5, 1892, in her 74th year.
- Van Riper, Andrew; d. May 23, 1881, aged 72, 1, 8.
- Van Riper, Andrew H.; b. Dec. 25, 1835; d. Sept. 17, 1882.
- Van Riper, Bridget Hennion, wife of Andrew Van Riper; d. Feb. 28, 1879, aged 69, 5, 0.
- Van Riper, Julia A., wife of Richard Van Riper; d. Dec. 28, 1893, aged 46, 4, 17.
- Van Riper, Margaret.* See Roat, Margaret.
- Van Riper, Margaret Sumerville, wife of Richard J.; d. Oct. 10, 1866, aged 46, 9, 0.
- Van Riper, Martha, wife of Peter Prine, and daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Van Riper; d. July 4, 1862, aged 37, 8, 14.
- Van Riper, Raymond and Almeda, children of Richard and Julia Van Riper.
- Van Riper, Richard P.; b. Oct. 5, 1867, d. Sept. 12, 1899.
- Van Riper, Sara M., daughter of Andrew and Bridget Van Riper; d. Aug. 28, 1863, aged 23, 11, 19.
- Van Riper, Uriah J.; d. Feb. 19, 1879, aged 66, 4, 22.
- Van Saun, Mary A., wife of John Van Saun; 1806-1897, daughter of John G. Doremus.
- Van Winkle, Elizabeth R., daughter of Martin and Elmina Van Winkle, and wife of Samuel Fair; d. June 2, 1853, aged 25, 7, 28.
- Van Winkle, Harriet; 1836-1862.



- Van Winkle, Leah Ann, daughter of Martin and Elmina Van Winkle; d. Mch. 25, 1848, aged 24, 7, 25.
- Van Winkle, Martin; b. Oct. 14, 1797, d. Apr. 10, 1857.
- Van Winkle, Mary Catharine, daughter of Martin and Elmina Van Winkle; d. Jan. 11, 1850, aged 17, 10, 11.
- Van Winkle, Simeon, son of Garret and Josephine Van Winkle; d. Nov. 6, 1861, aged 8 mos., 17 days.
- Van Winkle, Wilhelmina Jacobus, wife of Martin Van Winkle; b. May 20, 1800, d. Apr. 15, 1886.
- Veader, William; 1852-1890.
- Voorhies, Catharine, wife of Henry Voorhies; 1830-1901.
- Voorhees, Emma, wife of William Trotter; d. Jan. 31, 1896, aged 35.
- Voorhies, Harriet.
- Voorhies, Henry; d. Feb. 29, 1892, in his 67th year. A veteran of the Mexican war. Also a member of Co. C, 9th Regt., N. J. V.
- Washburn, Charlotte; b. Jan. 23, 1795, d. May 16, 1888.
- Welch, Josephine, daughter of William and Susan Welch; d. Dec. 22, 1856, aged 5 yrs.
- Welch, Susan, wife of William Welch; d. Dec. 25, 1878, aged 58, 0, 25.
- Welch, William H., a member of the 33rd Regiment, N. J. Volunteers; d. Feb. 21, 1876, aged 30, 9, 22.
- Williams, John I.; d. Aug. 12, 1896, aged 44, 1, 2.
- Winans, Abby, wife of John Hyzer; d. Dec. 30, 1887, aged 85.
- Winters, Henry G.; d. July 4, 1871, in his 58th year.
- Winters, Mary Fox, wife of Henry G. Winters; d. July 14, 1879, in her 68th year.
- Winters, Sarah.* See Post, Sarah Winters.

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INSCRIPTIONS IN HINCHMAN BURYING GROUND, IN FRONT OF CHURCH.

- Crompton, James R., son of John and Mary W. Crompton; b. June 1, 1850, d.
- Crompton, John; b. June 21, 1816, d. Apr. 22, 1889.
- Crompton, Mrs. John, Mary W. Hinchman; b. Mch. 20, 1823, d.
- Crompton, Matilda, daughter of John and Mary W. Crompton; b. June 12, 1848, d.
- Crompton, Walter P., son of John and Mary W. Crompton; b. Mch. 28, 1857, d. May 19, 1875.

- Crompton, William H., son of John and Mary W. Crompton; b. Aug. 17, 1852, d. Jan. 22, 1889.
- Fairweather, Mrs. Charles, Carrie Hinchman; d. May 13, 1871, in her 38th year.
- Filby, Edmund H.; b. May 22, 1835, in Winfarthing, England, d. Aug. 11, 1857, in Jersey City.
- Hinchman, Annie B.* See McBride, Mrs. James R.
- Hinchman, Carrie.* See Fairweather, Mrs. Charles.
- Hinchman, Catharine E.* See Voorhees, Mrs. George P.
- Hinchman, Henry, son of James and Susannah Hinchman; d. June 28, 1847, aged 20, 2, 20.
- Hinchman, James; d. Dec. 13, 1866, aged 77, 4, 26.
- Hinchman, Mary W.* See Crompton, Mrs. John.
- Hinchman, Susannah, wife of James Hinchman; d. Nov. 14, 1850, aged 60, 7, 3.
- Jackson, Luther; d. Nov. 6, 1871, in his 38th year.
- McBride, James R.; b. Oct. 17, 1810, d. Sept. 10, 1896.
- McBride, Mrs. James R., Annie B. Hinchman; b. July 30, 1812, d. Mch. 12, 1901.
- McBride, Joseph, son of James R. and Annie B. McBride; d. Mch. 5, 1902.
- McBride, Robert J., son of James R. and Annie B. McBride; b. May 23, 1840, d. Dec. 30, 1846.
- McBride, Thomas A., son of James R. and Annie B. McBride; b. Nov. 26, 1845, d. Dec. 11, 1851.
- McLeod, William P.; b. Apr. 30, 1840, d. July 15, 1890.
- Voorhees, Mrs. George P., Catharine E. Hinchman; d. Dec. 12, 1873, in her 60th year.

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INSCRIPTIONS IN OLD KIP BURYING GROUND, IN LOWER PRAEKNESS.

1. Berry, Christina Ann, daughter of Martin and Rachel Berry; d. Nov. 10, 1827, aged 0, 6, 29.
2. Berry, Sophia, wife of Nicholas Kip; d. July 6, 1852, aged 48, 6, 0.
3. Blauvelt, Isaac, son of Abraham Blauvelt; d. Sept. 16, 1802, aged 2, 6, 27.
4. Demarest, David D.; d. Feb. 20, 1856, in his 78th year.
5. *Demarest, Mrs. David D.* See Van Saun, Hannah.
6. Demarest, Garret, son of Peter and Catalina Demarest; d. Mch. 22, 1807, aged 4, 10, 2.

7. *Doremus, Mrs. George.* See Doormus, Margrat.
8. Dooremus, Henry, son of John and Ann Dooremus; d. Oct. 28, 1786, aged 2 yrs.
9. Doormus, Margrat, wife of George Doormus; d. Mch. 1, 1767, in ye 44th year of he age.
10. Harris, George; d. Apr. 1, 1754, in the 59th year of his age.
11. Kip, Ann Bell, wife of Cornelius Kip; b. May 5, 1766, d. Feb. 3, 1842, aged 75, 8, 25.
12. Kip, Christena, wife of Cornelius Kip; d. Feb. 20, 1822, aged 59, 11, 20.
13. Kip, Cornelius; d. May 3, 1840, aged 77, 10, 15.
14. Kip, Martin, son of Nicholas and Sophia Kip; d. Dec. 18, 1822, aged 0, 4, 7.
15. Kip, Martin Berry, son of Nicholas and Sophia Kip; d. July 6, 1828, aged 0, 9, 24.
16. *Kip, wife of Nicholas.* See Berry, Sophia.
17. Lyon, Enos; d. Sept. 23, 1830, aged 69, 3, 12.
18. *Merselis, Catharine.* See Van Saun, Catharine Merselis.
19. Neafie, Mary, wife of Richard Neafie; d. Jan. 20, 1792, aged 20 yrs.
20. Van Blakem, Peter; d. Aug. 3, 1791, aged 45 yrs.
21. Van Blarcom, Harmon; d. Apr. 8, 1801, aged 25, 9, 29.
22. V. S., A. N. 1775, 4th of October.
23. V. S., I. (No other inscription.)
24. Van Saun, Hannah, wife of David D. Demarest; d. May 3, 1838, aged 58, 10, 25.
25. Van Saun, Isaac; d. Jan. 27, 1833, aged 67, 5, 12.
26. Van Saun, Isaac, son of John and Mary Ann Van Saun; d. June 15, 1849, aged 18, 6, 15.
27. Van Saun, John; d. Mch. 24, 1833, aged 25, 11, 15.
28. Van Saun, Leah, wife of A. J. Van Winkle; d. Nov. 17, 1832, aged 35, 9, 0.
29. Van Saun, Leya, wife of Samuel Van Saun; d. Mch. 8, 1796, in the 52nd year of her age. (Great grandmother of John Neafie, of New York.)
30. Van Saun, Catharine Merselis; wife of Isaac Van Saun; d. 1818, aged 48, 7, 10.
31. Van Saun, Samuel; d. Apr. 5, 1809, aged 65, 3, 11.
32. *Van Winkle, Mrs. A. J.* See Van Saun, Leah.
33. Walker, Leah, wife of Thomas Walker; d. Nov. 16, 1847, aged 28, 7, 16.

INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CORWIN PLOT, ADJOINING OLD KIP BURYING  
GROUND.

1. Corwin, Edward C.; b. Dec. 30, 1807, d. Aug. 22, 1856, aged 48, 7, 23.
2. *Corwin, Mrs. Edward C.* See Shurte, Mary Ann.
3. Corwin, Edward Tanjore, son of George and Leah Margaret Corwin; d. Jan. 25, 1856, aged 1, 0, 10.
4. Corwin, George Brainerd, son of Edward C. and Mary Ann Corwin; d. Mch. 22, 1839, aged 2, 0, 10.
5. Corwin, George Edward, son of George S. and Leah Margaret; d. Sept. 21, 1880, aged 22, 5, 0.
6. Corwin, George S., d. Mch. 5, 1863, aged 41, 2, 5.
7. Corwin, James; d. July 8, 1848, aged 76, 11, 24.
8. *Dodd, Mrs. Jasper.* See Kip, Leah.
9. Kip, Leah, wife of Jasper Dodd; d. Nov. 21, 1851, aged 74, 9, 16.
10. Shurte, Mary Ann, wife of Edward C. Corwin; b. Mch. 15, 1809, d. Mch. 14, 1878, in her 69th year.

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INSCRIPTIONS IN OLD DEY BURYING GROUND, ON WARREN B.  
MITCHELL FARM, LOWER PREAKNESS.

- Demarest, Mrs. Benjamin.* See Van Norden, Catharine.  
Demarist, Benjamin; d. Mch. 30, 1817, aged 68, 0, 1.  
Dey, Ann; daughter of Theunis and Hester Dey; d. Jan. 7, 1774,  
in the 18th year of her age.
- Doremus, Mrs. John H.* See Hopper, Catharine.  
Hogencamp, John; d. July 28, 1886, in his 70th year.  
Hogencamp, Margaret; wife of James Van Riper; d. May 12, 1843,  
aged 19, 10, 5.  
Hogencamp, Martynes; d. Feb. 24, 1853, aged 81, 7, 20.  
*Hogencamp, Mrs. Martynes.* See Sickles, Altea.  
Hogencamp, William S.; d. Mch. 13, 1879, aged 80.  
*Hogencamp, Mrs. William S.* See Hopper, Ann.  
Hopper, Adrian Augustus; son of Jesse and Amelia A. Hopper; d.  
Oct. 17, 1856, aged 4, 6, 26.  
Hopper, Ann; wife of William S. Hogencamp; d. Dec. 23, 1835,  
aged 37, 9, 13.  
Hopper, Anna Isabella; d. Aug. 29, 1851, aged 1, 6, 13.  
Hopper, Catharine; wife of John H. Doremus; d. May 17, 1851,  
aged 40, 10, 9.

- Hopper, Edgar Newton, son of Jesse and Amelia A. Hopper; d. Oct. 9, 1856, aged 8, 2, 18.
- Lammers, William Hogencamp, son of H. W. and R. Lammers; d. Jan. 20, 1858, aged 0, 10, 25.
- Quimby, Benjamin D.; b. June 19, 1849; d. Mch. 21, 1874.
- Quimby, Daniel; b. Jan. 17, 1819; d. Nov. 2, 1877.
- Quimby, Effie A.; b. Aug. 18, 1846; d. June 15, 1848.
- Quimby, William M.; b. Nov. 29, 1857; d. June 21, 1876.
- Sickles, Altea; wife of Martynes Hogencamp; d. Mch. 27, 1818, aged 46, 0, 19.
- Stone; a large grey, without inscription.
- Van Norden, Catharine, wife of Benjamin Demarest; d. Feb. 13, 1839, aged 85, 2, 1.
- Van Riper, Abraham; son of Mr. and Mrs. James Van Riper; d. July 26, 1843, aged 0, 2, 26.
- Van Riper, Mrs. James. See Hogencamp, Margaret.

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A number of unmarked graves.

The following members of the Dey family are known to have been buried here:

- Col. Theunis Dey; d.
- Hester Schuyler Dey, his wife; d.
- Theunis Dey, their son; d. Oct. 1, 1776.
- Dr. Philip Dey, their son; d. Aug. 10, 1810.
- Gen. Richard Dey, their son; d. Oct. 7, 1811.
- And others.

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INSCRIPTIONS IN DOREMUS BURYING GROUND, LOWER PREAKNESS.

- Allington, Thomas, son of Theodore and Sarah Allington; d. Apr. 6, 1848, aged one month.
- On the same stone as above:
- Amelia J. D.; d. March 13, 1863, aged 5 years, 3 mos., 2 days.
- Doremus, Willimpee, wife of George G. Doremus; d. Oct. 18, 1850, aged 55, 2, 15.
- On stone outside of enclosure, south.
- Norwood, Polly, wife of Peter G. Doremus; b. Mch. 17, 1791, d. June 5, 1863.

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A number of unmarked graves are here, among them those of the brothers C. O. and John Doremus, and their wives.

There was a very ancient burying ground at one time on what was once the old Hinchman place, now (1902) owned and occupied by Charles H. Tintle. This ground, which is probably where the Hennions and others were buried, since in early days it was Hennion property, was nearly west of Mr. Tintle's house, about half way between it and the public road (Church Lane). A few displaced tombstones, within only a few years, have been carried away from this ground by strangers who came after them; but Mr. Tintle does not remember either the names in the inscriptions, or those of the persons who secured the stones.

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INSCRIPTIONS IN OLD RYERSON GRAVEYARD, PAOQUANAC.

(Copied in 1892. Some stones have since disappeared.)

- Bush, Sarah, wife of Abraham Ryerson, Jr.; d. Aug. 22, 1863, in 82nd year.
- Meier, Jacob, son of Herms. Meier; d. Aug. 25, 1779, aged 13, 2, 15. (This was a son of Domine Meier or Meyer. He has another child buried at Hackensack.)
- Reyerse, George; d. Apr. 23, 1792, in 89th year.
- Reyerse, Mary, wife of George Reyerse; d. Apr. 8, 1792, in 71st year.
- Ryerson, Abraham; d. Sept. 3, 1810, in 49th year.
- Ryerson, Abraham, son of Nicholas A. and Sarah Ryerson; d. Oct. 21, 1821, aged 1 yr., 19 days.
- Ryerson, Abraham, son of Nicholas A. and Sarah Ryerson; d. Oct. 17, 1837, aged 15, 7, 20.
- Ryerson, Abraham, Jr.; d. Feb. 7, 1856, in 74th year.
- Ryerson, Mrs. Abraham, Jr.* See Bush, Sarah.
- Ryerson, Abraham L., son of John A. and Matilda Ryerson; b. Feb. 29, 1844, d. June 17, 1846.
- Ryerson, Ann, wife of John Veador; d. Nov. 10, 1809, aged 23, 6, 16.
- Ryerson, Ann, daughter of Abraham and Sarah Ryerson, Jr.; d. Oct. 13, 1819, aged 5, 7, 0.
- Ryerson, Charles, son of Abraham; d. Oct. 20, 1808, aged 2 yrs.
- Ryerson, George, son of Abraham and Sarah Ryerson; d. Sept. 29, 1802, aged 1, 10, 22.
- Ryerson, George L.; d. Sept. 22, 1842, aged 99 yrs., 9 mos.

- Ryerson, Mary, wife of George L. Ryerson; d. July 11, 1809, aged 62, 2, 16.
- Ryerson, Mary Malvina, daughter of John A. and Matilda Ryerson; b. Mch. 1, 1842, d. Oct. 17, 1857.
- Ryerson, Sarah, wife of Abraham Ryerson; d. Feb. 14, 1831, in 66th year.
- Van Riper, Garret; d. Nov. 27, 1804, aged 73, 3, 11.
- Van Riper, Sophia, wife of Garret Van Riper; d. Oct. 31, 1806, aged 70, 11, 13.
- Veador, Mrs. John. See Ryerson, Ann.

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INSCRIPTIONS IN JACOBUS-JONES GRAVEYARD.

(Copied in 1892. Some stones have since disappeared.)

- Doremus, Cornelius, son of Thomas and Maria Doremus; d. Feb. 25, 1835, aged 7 mos., 4 days.
- Doremus, Peter T.; d. Oct. 5, 1846, aged 72, 11, 14.
- Doremus, Mrs. Peter T.* See Jacobus, Susan.
- Doremus, Rachel, daughter of Peter T. and Susan Doremus; d. Dec. 25, 1820, aged 12, 8, 29.
- Jacobus, James; d. Oct. 27, 1791, aged 83 yrs.
- Jacobus, Jane, wife of Ralph Jacobus; d. Sept. 16, 1820, in 88th year.
- Jacobus, Ralph; d. Feb. 15, 1809, aged 76 yrs., 6 mos.
- Jacobus, Susan, wife of Peter T. Doremus; d. Jan. 15, 1840, aged 75 yrs.
- Jacobus, Tuye, wife of James Jacobus; d. Mch. 12, 1807, aged 92 yrs., 7 mos.
- Jones, Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas and Susanna Jones; d. Sept. 9, 1787, aged 3, 1, 13.
- Jones, Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Jones; d. Jan. 11, 1768, aged 2, 8, 10.
- Jones, Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas Jones; d. Sept. 6, 1782, aged 31.
- Jones, Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Jones; d. Oct. 4, 1765, aged 27.
- Jones, Mary, wife of Nicholas Jones; d. July 31, 1796, in her 81st year.
- Jones, Nicholas; d. July 23, 1775, aged 73.
- Jones, Capt. Nicholas; d. June 18, 1794, in 44th year of age.
- Mandeville, infant of Cornelius Mandeville and Jane Jones; d. Oct. 6, 1810, aged 27 days.

Riker, Ralph J.; d. Nov. 25, 1857, aged 64, 2, 9.

A small brown stone, all marks obliterated.

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INSCRIPTIONS IN GRAVEYARD, NEAR MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Courter, Mary, wife of Peter Courter; d. Oct. 19, 1846, in her 70th year.

Courter, Peter; d. July 8, 1846, in his 76th year.

Jacobus, Charles Edgar, son of James and Eliza Jacobus; d. Dec. 24, 1855, aged 5 mos., 11 days.

Ryerson, Emaline; d. Mch. 11, 1885, aged 68 yrs., 5 mos.

Ryerson, Francis W.; d. Feb. 25, 1853, aged 16, 11, 7.

Ryerson, Henrietta; d. Jan. 31, 1850, aged 1, 5, 18.

Ryerson, James Christopher; d. Aug. 9, 1883, aged 27, 6, 5.

Ryerson, John Henry; d. Aug. 17, 1860, aged 1, 11, 18.

Ryerson, William F.; d. —, aged —.





## ADDENDA.

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1. **BERRY:** John J., or John I. Berry and family, removed to the "Lake Country" in western New York, in 1815 or 1816. The family was in New Jersey at any rate early in 1815. The mother of Mr. Berry was Jenneke De Gray. His father was either John or Joseph Berry, it is uncertain which. John J., or John I. Berry, died Jan. 13, 1849, aged 74 years, 10 mos., 26 days. Mary Berry, his wife, died Feb. 25, 1860, aged 81 years, 6 mos., 5 days. Their children were:

1. John, b. July 3, 1799; died young.
  2. Richard Dey, b. March 2, 1803.
  3. Jane De Gray, b. July 17, 1806.
  4. Hannah Pierson, b. Apr. 19, 1808.
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2. **BENSEN:** The Hans Bensen, who married a Lydecker, was the *father* of the Hans mentioned on page 98. The latter Hans (or John) also must have had at least five sons instead of four, since besides the two who went to Canada, we can mention three others: John, David and Daniel. Much later and fuller particulars have come to us from Mr. Neafie, which we here insert.

I. Dirck Bensen came to America about 1648. His wife was Catalina Samson Berck. Among their children was:

II. Johannes, b. 1655, m. about 1676. Elizabeth Mattheus Van Deuson. He died about 1715. She, about 1746. Among their children was:

III. Johannes, bap. May 29, 1701, at New York; m. at Hackensack, N. J., May 2, 1724, Elizabeth Gerrits Leydecker. Their third child was:

IV. John, b. 1730, d. June 16, 1804, aged 74 years, 4 mos., 20 days; m. Rebecca Davidse Demarest, who was born in 1732, and died Feb. 5, 1812, aged 80 years and 14 days. This John Bensen was known as Judge Bensen. Both his and his wife's tombstones are in the Reformed Church cemetery on Market street in Paterson, having been removed there from the old Totowa graveyard. John and Rebecca Bensen had children:

V. 1. Elizabeth, bap. Oct. 13, 1754.

2. Antie, bap. Apr. 16, 1757.

3. John, b. 1759; d. Dec. 25, 1799, aged 40 years, 5 mos., 26 days. He married Maria Westervelt before 1786. He was known as Captain John Bensen.

4. David, bap. Nov. 10, 1765.

5. Katilynder, bap. Dec. 6, 1767.

6. Daniel, b. Dec. 25; bap. Dec. 29, 1771; m. Nov. 29, 1795, Rachel Doremus. All baptisms at Schraalenburg. David Bensen, the fourth of these children, was the ancestor of the Preakness Bensen. He married before 1796, Eliabeth Van Houten, who was born May 22, 1773, and died Aug. 15, 1839. This brings us down to where the history goes on, page 98.

3. We have also obtained from Mr. Neafie some later VAN WINKLE information:

The Preakness family of Van Winkles is descended from Jacob Van Winckle and his first wife, Aeltje Daniels (See page 64), and not from one of his brothers, Walling or Simon.

Jacob and Aeltje Van Winckle had a son, John Jacobse, b. June 25, 1686, who, Apr. 19, 1713, m. Titje Hendrickse Banta. Among their children was Johannes Van Winckle, b. July 3, 1719; bap. at Acquackanonk; m. Dec. 5, 1746, at Acquackanonk, Janneke Ryerson, who was born Aug. 19, 1720, and baptized Aug. 21, at Hackensack. They lived at Wagaraw, now Hawthorne. Their first child was John Van Winckle (afterwards of Preakness), b. July 15, 1747; bap. Aug. 2, at Hackensack. John Van Winckle, of Preakness, married twice:

(1) Feb. 1, 1772, Catharine Ryerson, who died Dec. 5, 1777, aged 35 years, 5 mos., 11 days. They had but one child, Cathaline, b. Nov. 5, 1777, bap. Nov. 16, at Totowa, who married Yoost Dearman, and who had a daughter Caty, who is mentioned in her grandfather's will.

(2.) About 1792, Elizabeth Ryerson, bap. at Paramus, Oct. 18, 1758.

This brings us down to the continuation of the history, on page 63.

4. From a special correspondent in the Philadelphia Press, of Nov. 2, 1902, we have the following:

Special Correspondence of "The Press."

"Passaic, N. J., Nov. 1.—There has been of late some talk about these parts of turning the old Dey house, still standing at Preakness, near here, and still in a fair state of preservation, into a museum, where may be gathered gifts or loans of objects connected with the Revolutionary history of the state. Whether or not this project comes to anything, it yet is practically assured that the Daughters of the American Revolution will mark the building with a tablet commemorative of the small but interesting part which it played in the history of those earlier times.

"It was at the Dey house that General Washington, in 1780, established his headquarters, and it was there, in the November of that same year, that he entertained the Marquis de Chastellux, then serving as a major general in the army under the command of Count Rochambeau. The Marquis has left in his 'American Travels,' a vivid character sketch of the commander-in-chief of the Continental forces, and there hangs to-day in the drawing-room of the old mansion a picture of the Frenchman who so warmly admired the great Washington and who was himself a man of such admirable parts.

"America is apt to remember the Marquis de Chastellux as a soldier, or perhaps as the particular friend of General Washington, but there was much in his career which shows that he could have taken high stand in the world of letters had his life led him into its more peaceful fields. He began as a soldier, serving as a colonel in the Seven Years' War in Germany, but, before he sailed for America, in 1780, he had written two volumes on political economy which had drawn from Voltaire praise so high as to rank the books with the work of Montesquieu. He had been elected one

of the forty immortals of the French Academy and all through his warlike sojourn in this country he was making notes upon which to base future literary productions.

"If the Dey house is to stand as a memorial to Washington and to Chastellux there will be no lack of letters and other documents in the fine, almost feminine handwriting of the Frenchman to place there for future generations to read."

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5. In connection with our giving the tombstone inscriptions in the Jacobus-Jones graveyard, at Pacquanac, at the end of our work, it may be stated, on the authority of Abraham Doremus, of Hackensack, that, during the Revolutionary War, a regiment or battalion of North Carolina troops was encamped in the vicinity of his (Mr. Doremus's) grandfather's place, in Pacquanac, and that many of the soldiers died from the severity of the winter, and were buried in a trench that was dug adjoining the said old graveyard.

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6. Nov. 26, 1902, William Bird Garside was married to Rose Walton, of Arlington, N. J.

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7. Dec. 1, 1902, Lena S. M. Dotterweich was received into the membership of the church on profession of her faith.

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8. The copy given below of the letter written by General Washington, at the Dey house, in Preakness, was sent to us at the last moment:

HEAD QUARTERS. 11th June 1780

Col. Dey's House

"Sir: Its coming from New York, and from tolerable authority, that the french fleet have been seen and are hourly expected, you will be pleased to repair to this place, with all practical dispatch, bringing with you, such pilots, as may be acquainted with the navigation into the Harbour of New York. If these are not at hand, or in perfect readiness, you will not delay on this account, but direct them to follow you.

"I am sir,

"Your obt and hble servt,

"GO. WASHINGTON."

This is an exact copy, punctuation and all.

To whom this letter was written, we do not know; but J. W. S. Dey, of New York, who has copied it for us, thinks it was addressed either to Capt. Adam Huyler or to Capt. William Marrener, both prominent Revolutionary Privateers.

It will be seen, too, that the date of this letter conflicts with the statement of Baker in his "Itinerary of Washington," page 179, where he says that Washington was in Springfield, N. J., from June 7 to June 18, 1780. According to this letter Washington must have been in Preakness certainly several days between those dates.

## ERRATA.

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Pages 34, 36, 133.—The name John J. Berry should be written John I., although in our church papers it is plainly written by himself, at least in one instance (1809), John J.

Page 103.—For Anna Potts, read Hannah Potts.

Pages 103, 104.—Alfred Day and family left Preakness *before*, and not *after*, J. Frank Day and family left. Alfred's name should be written Alfred L.

Page 249.—For Jennie Galliland, read Jennie Gilliland.

Page 268.—For Lawrence Augustus Mowel, read Laurence Augustus Mowel.

Page 280.—For Blanch Leone Richards, read Blanche Leone Richards.

Page 290.—For Trail, read Trayo.

We have given the mistakes or variations in spelling in this work as we found them written, or regarded them as written, in the records consulted. No doubt, however, we have made some mistakes of our own.

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